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THE DIOCESE OF DERRY IN 1631

DURING the first half of the seventeenth century the northern dioceses were, in the words of the Annalist, "under a cloud and smoke." The few glimpses we catch of their internal condition reveal a state of things verging at times on anarchy.¹ The diocese of Derry, strange to say, appears to have best maintained ecclesiastical organisation and discipline; and more than once, bishops of neighbouring dioceses applied for translation to this haven of rest. For, unlike the other counties of the Plantation, Derry was what the French term a "colonie d'exploitation." Good citizens of London had no intention of transplanting thither; they merely wanted to make the last penny out of it, and hence their representatives, Beresfords and others, set the forfeited lands to the highest bidder regardless of religious or political considerations.² In 1624, the sixteenth year of the Plantation, it was found that out of the 608 townlands or ballyboes the Irish were in possession of 305.³ However, of the new settlers the most influential were the four Hamiltons, as Catholic then as their descendants are Orange now. Hence the priests enjoyed comparative immunity from persecution and exercised their ministry, for the most part, as freely as if the Earls had never fled. "For the removing of these Popish priests," writes the Protestant Bishop Downham, "our lawes are weake and powerlesse, neither can I get the assistance of the military men as I desire, and that which discourageth me most is that when either I have gotten any of them apprehended, convicted, and com-

¹ *Spicilegium Ossoriense* I. pp. 137, 192, 206 *seq.*; "Irish Priests of the Penal Times," pp. 267 *seq.*

² "The Londoners gave out at first that anyone who would go over should have land at 4d. an acre, when they found the Irish would give high rents rather than be expelled from the land where they were bred and born, they recalled their proclamations and ran up the rents from £1 10s. to £6 or £10 a ballibol, and sacrificed the safety of the Kingdom for their own profit."—"State Papers Chas. I," 1635, p. 209.

³ "State Papers, Jas. I."

mitted they have been by corrupcon set at libertie to follow their former courses." ¹

Among the adventurers who had been soured by the grant of Derry to the Londoners the most notable was Sir Thomas Phillips. Originally a soldier in one of Elizabeth's expeditions to France, he had exchanged that service for Ireland, whose broad acres offered more ample rewards. In 1604 he obtained a custodium or temporary grant of the abbey and lands of Coleraine. Ousted by the charter to the Londoners he had to content himself with an inferior estate at Limavady and the stipend of £200 a year (not regularly paid) as overseer of the plantation. From 1612 onwards he poured into the ears of the English Council the story of the malversations of the Londoners. He enlisted the help of Falkland, Lord Deputy; he went to London, saw the statesmen there and finally made a direct appeal to the king. But all in vain; the London Companies were too powerful, too well friended to be dislodged. At length after twenty years (he said) of labour, support came from an unexpected quarter. Bramhall was appointed Protestant Bishop of Derry in 1634, and Bramhall was the friend of Laud and Wentworth. Popery became the principal count against the Londoners, and the Court of Star Chamber, 12 May, 1635, gave judgment against them and resumed the patents into the hands of the King. Phillip's multitudinous charges were availed of in working up the case. Early in February, 1631-2, he wrote to the King:—

"May it please your most Excellent Maiesty. I most humbly present unto your Highnes. A true collection made the second day of January 1631 of such Popish priests as are authorized from the Pope of Rome and beneficed in the London Plantation together with their names and the severall parishes in the said County appointed to them by the Vicar Generall Turlagh o Kelly as likewise what yearly duties they receive from the Parishioners.

Their collections etc. amount to £1000. So as the priests receive more out of this county than Your Maiestie. Let not this seem strange to your Maiestie so long as the Londoners farmers of proportions [extensive farmers] do receive the said priests to dwell upon their lands, making use of them to let their lands at dearer

¹ "Ordnance Survey Memoir of Derry," p. 61.

rates then otherwise they could, and by countenancing the said priests with their usual familiarity at their tables."

[ENCLOSURE]

Priests	Parishes
Andrew o Hagarty and William o Hagarty	Templemon alias Derry
Donohice o Cahan, tennant to the Skinners	Commyr
Owen McClosky, tennant also to the Skinners	Dungarven
James boy McAnnally, tennant to the Goldsmithes	Clandermot
Owen O Cosseglem tennant to the ffishmongers	Faghen Vale
Neile o Devanny	Bennagher
Neale o fferonan	Boughnevagh
Viccar o Lynne	Tayhlaght
Owin Medder o Crilly	Balliagh and Drom-cose
fferdorogh o Hagan	Taulaght Arde
Phillemy Roe McCloskey, tennant to the merchant Taylors	Dunboe and Ahadowy
William McNicoll, tennent also to the Merchant Taylors	Eregall
Hugh McKedy	Camos
Prior McKedy, tennant to the Iornmongers	Desert Froghell
Patrick o Crilly	Kilreagh
Viccar O Cully	Tanlaght o Crilly
Patrick O Scullen	Bally ne scullen and Termonany
Donnell O Scullen, tennant to the Vintners	Maheray and Killelaghy
Patrick o Hagarty	Ballyne screene
Henry McGilmurray	Desert Martin Kilconahan
Rory o Hagan tennant to the Salters	Maharyfelt
Donnell o Coury	Artra
Patrick McGuggin	Ballinderry
Rory o Hagan	Desert Lynne

DUTIES

These preists receive from their severall parishioners Viz. Imprimis
 for every married couple iis.
 for every single person vid.

of every plough twenty sheaves

of every churne one churning of butter which they call mescan frive.

of every marriage is.

ffor Extreme Uction which they call Cuyrollo or in liu thereof is.

A Mortuary (which is a cove or mare or some young large beast of such as be possessed of goods ; and of the poore sorte some part of what they dye possessed of as alsoe their upper garment as their mantle or brackin).

Offerings at Christmas and Easter of some iid. some iiid. some iiid. some vid. some is. none comes empty.

At burials, daily beggins, of corne, sheepe, and other necessities for their masse and for helpe of poore schollers which amounteth to a good sune in the year.

It is certain that the preists receive in duties with the jurisdiction from the pope as much as doth amount to 1000 li. per an.

A far greater sune yearly than the Revenues in Your Maesties Crowne in this county and payment of your Army.

The Londoners pay Your Maestie for all their goodly Territories, Customs, ffishings, Royalties etc. per ann

205 17 00

To your Maestie for maintenance of your Army which the Londoners paie not but the poore tennants .

600 00 00

The Sheriff's Retournes into the Exchequer about 50 per ann

050 00 00

So it appears that the popish Preists in this Co: receive per annum more than your Maestie by

144 3 00

There are also ffriers mendicants who come abroade twice a yeare and receive, beside the beggins, which is of no small value, 8*d* a couple per ann. 20 sheeves of corne of every ploughe[land] and a churning of butter every churne.

The names of such vagrant preists as are not beneficed and yet liveth upon the peoples labor in the foresaid County.

Shane o Hagan, Maurice McRoddan, Gillegroome McTeig, Thomas o Human, Neale o Donnelan, Patrick McGillene, Shane oge Megy.

Masse houses, erected by the preists in the London Plantation viz. Upon the Fishmongers Proportion and Grocers two houses near one another.

Upon the Skinners Proportion two

Upon the Iornmongers Proportion one

Upon the Salters Proportion one

Upon the Drapers Proportion one

Upon the Vintners Proportion one

Which premise I humbly upon bended knees beseech your Royall Maiesty to cause to be compared with the Preamble of the Londoners Charter which is sufficient to convince them without further trouble.

To sustain his case, Phillips forwarded to Secretary Coke, as would appear a

List of Witnesses, who prove that in every Parish of the Londoners, Plantation there is a Popish Priest Beneficed; Sir John Bingley, Timothy Foorde, Brian O'Cahan, John Cragg, Oliver Mather, William Chesman, Michael Machett, Richard Kerbye, Thomas Raven, Thomas Thursby, Hugh Sayer, Valentine Hartop, Anthony Lipsett, John Coachmore, Samuel Andrewes, Archbold Brookes, Henry Sutton, John Lewis, Michael Brickenhead, William Free, Digory Wells, Thomas Harman, Henry Wright, Thomas Dawson, Richard Collins, Brian O'Neale, Ensign Cooke, George Downing, Richard Keane, Luke Austrey, John Williams.

Further, not only these priests in every parish but they were countenanced and supported by the local magistrates, the sheriff of the county, Richard Kirby being the worst offender. "I have discovered how mightly he hath abused your Maiestie which he is now to be questioned for in the Exchequer. Amongst others his abuses he hath entertained into his Court actions for Popish priests sallary for saying of Masse."

To make good this charge two affidavits were enclosed. In the first, dated December 21, 1631, Cormac O'Mullan made voluntary oath before Quintin Hartopp, J.P., that Donnogh O'Cahan, priest of Cummer, prosecuted four actions in the Sheriff's Court against persons for not paying the priests fees and that he (deponent) had been excommunicated for two and a half years by this priest. The second of the same date by Shane McTegart was a corroboration of the foregoing.

This was serious enough but worse was to come:

Voluntary Oath of Owen O'Quigg taken before Sir Thomas Phillips Knt, 17 December 1631

He had been excommunicated by the Vicar General for claiming a debt of Thomas O'Lunnan a priest, He got a decree out of the King's Bench against O'Lunnan but he escaped and then the Vicar General excommunicated Deponent. On his asking to be heard

the Vicar General assembled twenty priests in the Skinners Proportions viz., Turlogh O'Kelly, Vicar General, Toole O'Boy, Donogh O'Cahan, Neale O'Harrinan, Brian McAvard, Shane O'Cahan, Neale O'Donnellan, Owen O'Devenny, Owen Mother O'Creely, Fordorogh O'Cahan, Dermot O'Lyn, Maurice McRuddan, Phelim McClosky, James McNerny and six [*sic*] more. They agreed that he should be absolved but that he should be first whipped. This was done, and he was told to beware how he meddled with priests again.

No wonder that Secretary Coke, in his report upon the whole matter to King Charles, should ask "Is not this Deformation instead of Reformation?"¹

W. P. BURKE.

¹ "State Papers Chas. I," 1647-1660, p. 199.

DR. MICHAEL MOORE

SOMETIME PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE ; AND RECTOR
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS (A.D. 1640—1726).

THE most distinguished Irish Catholic scholar of the seventeenth century was Michael Moore,¹ a priest of the diocese of Dublin, sometime Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, and subsequently Rector of the University of Paris. Michael Moore was born in Bridge Street, Dublin, in 1640. Formed by pious parents, his earliest ambition was to devote himself to the service of religion. For this purpose, leaving home at an early age, he proceeded to the Continent, and commenced his studies under the direction of the Fathers of the Oratory at Nantes. From Nantes he went on to Paris, where he completed his studies with distinction at the University. Having taken his degree as Master of Arts, he was admitted on November 11th, 1662, a member of the *Natio Constantissima* (*Nation d'Allemagne*),² one of the four Nations composing the Faculty of Arts. Possessed of a rare knowledge of languages, of medical science, and well versed in Philosophy and Theology, Moore was soon appointed to the Chair of Philosophy in the Collège des Grassins, one of the ancient Colleges of the University, near the Collège des Lombards on the Montaigne Sainte Geneviève. After ten years spent in this important post, a still more influential position was opened to him at the Royal College de Navarre,³ the most aristocratic of the numerous colleges of the ancient university, the Alma Mater of Henri IV, and of Bossuet.⁴

Leaving the College des Grassins, Moore became professor of Latin and Greek, and Master of the Students in Arts in the

¹ In the University MS. Register he always wrote his name, *Morus*.

² *Registre des Conclusions. Nation d'Allemagne. Dans l'Ancienne Université. No. 30, fol. 25.* Bibliothèque de l'Université de Paris.

³ Reference at Navarre.

⁴ Now the Ecole Polytechnique, behind the church of St. Etienne du Mont.

, Collège de Navarre ; a post which he continued to hold until his recall to Ireland to become Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. As a member of the *Natio Constantissima* he attended the University meetings, and was elected Procurator of the *Nation* in 1671 and in 1673. The esteem in which he was held was manifested in a manner still more marked by his election, in 1677, to the office of Rector of the University, an honour which he, this time, declined. During the years which followed, Moore continued to discharge his duties at the Collège de Navarre. It has been stated that he went to Ireland and was ordained priest in 1684, and was appointed Vicar General of Dublin, and Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral. There is no mention of these events in the manuscript Register of the *Natio Constantissima*. But his name is mentioned in the minutes as present in Paris on April 1st, 1684, and on March 15th, and April 2nd, 1685, and his signature as Dean of the *Nation* is subscribed to the minutes on July 17th, 1685. The pages which follow in the Register are blank and no entries occur until 1691, when Moore is mentioned as taking part in the business of the *Nation* on 12th and 23rd June of that year.

In the interval between 1685 and 1691 Dr. Moore spent some time in Ireland. When Richard Talbot, Earl of Tirconnell, was made Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, knowing the talents and attainments of Dr. Moore, he had him appointed to the office of Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, the only Catholic who has ever held that post. Moore's tenure of that office was short, from 1689 to 1690 ; but short as it was it afforded him an opportunity of saving the library of Trinity College, which was in imminent danger of destruction at the hands of the Jacobite troops. How long precisely Moore remained at the head of the University of Dublin is difficult to determine. If one judge by the terms of the panegyric pronounced upon him by M. Delaval, Rector of the University of Paris, he must have remained until the Jacobite power was completely crushed. Irish writers, however, give a different and more accurate account. They state that when Christchurch Cathedral was restored to Catholic worship, the King was present at Mass, and Dr. Moore preached. In his sermon he made use of expressions which gave offence to the King, and was immediately ordered by James II to quit the Kingdom. Dr. Moore returned to Paris ; and took part in the business of the *Nation d'Allemagne* in 1691. From Paris he proceeded to Rome, where he was held in high

esteem by two Popes, Innocent XII and Clement XI. At this time Cardinal Barbarigo, bishop of Montefiascone, was organising his Seminary; and knowing the eminent qualities of Moore he made choice of him as its rector. Moore's zeal for the promotion of learning at Montefiascone is shown by a work which he published there, entitled, *Hortatio ad Studium Græcæ et Hebraicæ*.

In 1701 Dr. Moore returned to his Alma Mater and resumed his place in the University of Paris. The University manifested its joy at his return by electing him to the office of Rector. The election took place on October 10th, 1701, and is thus recorded in the minutes of the *Most Constant Nation* by the Procurator, Malachy O'Fogarty:—

"Then the four Procurators, the most unblemished men whom the University had ever elected, viz. Master René Mauve-
nant, professor at the College of Plessis, for the Nation of France,
Master Langlet, professor at the College Mazarin, for the Nation
of Picardy; Master John Baptist Couture for the Nation of
Normandy, formerly Rector and eminent professor of eloquence
at the College of La Marche, and Master Charles Magenis, Pro-
visor of the Irish College for Nation d'Allemagne; these four
entering the conclave under good and happy omens with rare
unanimity proclaimed Rector a man long desired by all, who had
just returned from the arms of the Sovereign Pontiff, Clement
XI, and those of the most Eminent Cardinal Barbarigo, namely,
Master Michael Morus, alias O'Morigh (μορρα), an Irishman,
sometime professor emeritus of Eloquence and Philosophy at
the College des Grassins, and though he objected to accept the
proffered honour and wished to decline (as on a former occasion)
the office of Rector, they invested him with the purple. He
returned thanks in a graceful and polished speech, and even
drew tears from some of the Heads of the University by his
references to the past. Then a most dignified cortege in
lengthened file, and all the most distinguished members of the
University escorted him to his residence in (the old college)
Hubant." ¹

¹ Tunc quatuor quadrumviri, omnium quos unquam elegit Academia viri integerrimi, nimirum Magister Renatus Meuvenant, professor Plesseus pro Natione Gallicana, Magister Langlet, professor Mazarineus pro Natione Picardiae, Magister Ioannes Baptista Couture pro Natione Normanica, qui et Vir Rectorius, et eloquentiae in Marchiano professor celeberrimus,

The satisfaction with which the election of Moore was hailed, is manifested also by the entries made in the registers of other sections of the University. In the Censor's book, preserved at the *Bibliothèque Mazarine*, the election of Moore is recorded as follows: "On the same day (Oct. 10, 1701) the election of Rector took place. They elected as Rector the most wise and pious, Master Michael Morus, Dean of the most Constant Nation, and the election was hailed with the applause, and the greatest joy of all." At the conclusion of the usual trimestre he was re-elected in December, and again in April, and in June, 1702, and thus held the fasces of Rector for an entire year. During his term of office it was his privilege to deliver the annual panegyric on Louis XIV in fulfilment of a treaty entered into between the Municipality of Paris and the University in 1684, the delivery of which was reserved to the Rector. Moore acquitted himself of this duty with marked success, and his panegyric is mentioned in the *Gazette de France* of May 20th, 1702, in the following terms:—

"Le meme jour (Mai 16, 1702) le Sieur Morus Recteur de l'Université de Paris, et ci-devant President du Collège de Dublin prononça avec beaucoup d'éloquence le panegyrique du Roy fondé par la ville, qui sy trouva en Corps, avec un grand nombre de personnes de qualité."¹

The event is also recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the *Nation d'Allemagne*—(Reg. 40, fol. 50) by the Procurator, James Merick of the Lombard College:—

"In the year of our Lord, 1702, on the 16th day of May, in fulfilment of the treaty entered into between the City and the Academy,

et Magister Carolus Magenis Collegii Hibernorum Provisor pro Natione Germanica. Hi inquam quatuor, bonis et faustis omnibus Conclave ingressi, mira animorum consensione, omnium votis diu expectatum, Summi Pontificis Clementis XI et Eminentissimi Cardinalis Barbarigo amplexibus se subducentem, Magistrum Michaellem Morus, alias OMorigh (μοριγ) Hibernum, eloquentiae et philosophiae quondam in Grassinaeo professorem emeritum, Rectorem amplissimum renunciaverunt; ac reluctantem, oblatos honores et fasces Rectorias ut antea respuentem, purpura exornarunt. Ille eleganti et polita oratione gratias egit, sed et lacrymas a quibusdam proceribus praeteritorum recordatione expressit. Tum longo ordine amplissimus comitatus, ac quique in Academia spectatissimi eum ad aedes Hubantinas prosecuti sunt.

Malachias O'Fogarty.

[*Conclusions de la Nation d'Allemagne*, Reg. 40, fol. 39]

¹ *Gazette de France*, 20 Mai, 1702. No. 20, p. 338.

the most Illustrious Rector, surrounded by a large attendance of all the Faculties, delivered the panegyric oration in honour of Louis the Great in the Halls of the College of Navarre, at which were present many of the most distinguished of the nobility of Paris, the Prefect of the City, together with the first president and the municipal officers. There were also present the principal ministers and officers of the most August King of Great Britain.¹ The most illustrious Lord Rector won the attention and admiration of all by his admirable eloquence. With such consistent and admirable harmony did he present everything that related to the glory of the most Christian King that he had as many witnesses as he had hearers, of his sound learning and not that empty and profane science which puffeth up. For all those accomplished men who were present understood that he was a man of no mere crude and ordinary, but of tried and experienced virtue and learning, and who had been at length promoted to a post of which by general esteem he was long since deemed worthy.”²

While Rector of the University, Moore was appointed Gymnasiarch, or Rector of the Collège de Navarre, where he had formerly been professor. Nor were his labours confined to the Collège de Navarre. At this time Jansenism was causing much trouble in Paris. Amongst those tainted with Jansenistic principles was Elie Dupin, professor of Philosophy at the Collège

¹ James III. the Pretender.

² Anno Domini milesimi septingentisimi secundi, die decima sexta Maii Amplissimus Dominus Rector frequentissimo omnium Facultatum Commitatu stipatus ut foederi urbem inter et Academiam inito faciat satis elegantissimam dixit Ludovico Magno orationem panegyricam in scholis Navarricis cui plures Illustrissimi Lutetiae principes, praefectus urbis, protopraeses et aediles interfuerunt. Aderant etiam praecipui ministri et officarii Augustissimi Regis Magnae Britanniae; quorum omnium oculos atque admirationem mirabili sua eloquentia in se convertibat ampl. D. Rector, qui omnia quae gloriam Regis Christianissimi spectabant constante et incredibili concordia ardentissime prosecutus est ita ut sanae suae, non inanis et prophanae quae inflat scientiae tot habuerit testes quot auditores. Adeo quippe intelligebant viri omnes qui aderant undequaque perspicatissimi, illum non crudae adhuc et vulgaris alicujus, sed emeritae pridem et veteranae jam virtutis et doctrinae hominem esse, cum factus aliquando sit, quem esse jam pridem communi omnium aestimatione merebatur.

I. Merrick.

[*Conclusions de la Nation d'Allemagne, Registre 40, fol. 50.*]

de France, and when he was deprived of his Chair on account of his tenets, it was given by royal authority to Dr. Moore, an ardent opponent of Jansenism. Along with his duties at the Collège de Navarre and the Collège de France, Dr. Moore was a regular attendant at the University meetings, and we find mention of him as Procurator of his Nation in 1708 and 1709. In the minutes of a meeting which was held in 1708 we have evidence of the esteem in which his opinions were held on University questions. In the record of a meeting held on June 27 in that year the Procurator, Ignatius Moriarty writes: "Then Michael Moore, dean of the Most Constant Nation and one of the deputies, always consistent, not as a little one swayed by the wind of every doctrine nor as a reed moving to and fro, but imperturbable as a rock in the midst of storms, declared that, if what had been for so many years agreed upon by the tacit consent of all the Nations, and even expressly sanctioned, were set aside, there would remain nothing certain nor fixed in the University"—(Reg. 40, fol. 107). Teaching and administration did not exhaust all the energy of Dr. Moore. His pen, too, was active. In 1692, he published a work entitled *De existentia Dei, et animae humanae immortalitate secundum Aristotelis et Cartesii doctrinam disputatio*—(12° Paris, 1692). His *Hortatio ad studium Græcae et Hebraeae*, published at Montefiascone, has been already mentioned. In 1712 he published in Paris a treatise on logic, *Vera Sciendi Methodus* (12mo. Paris, 1712 and 1716), in which he upheld the method of the scholastics in opposition to that of Descartes, then becoming popular in the schools. In the management of business and in private intercourse, Moore was accessible and affable to all. But most of all he was charitable to his own fellow countrymen, many of whom had come to Paris with but scanty means to prepare for missionary work in Ireland. These he helped by his influence and his purse. He lived on terms of intimacy with the superiors of the Irish College, and aided Dr. John Farely, the Rector, to extend the buildings of the Lombard College, to which also he bequeathed his library. At length, after a long and virtuous life, he passed to his reward on August 22nd, 1726, and according to his request was laid to rest in the chapel of the Irish College. At a meeting of the University which took place not long after his death, the Rector, M. Delaval, delivered an oration in praise of Dr. Moore. After the meeting the members of the *Most Constant Nation* sent a deputation

to thank the Rector for the eulogium he had pronounced on their venerated Dean, and begged his permission to enter a copy of it in the Register of their deliberations. Their request was granted and the Procurator of the *Nation*, Alexander Smith, a Scotch priest, inserted the text of the oration in the Register. That polished oration ; copied from the manuscript Register ¹ where it has lain in silence for nearly two centuries, is here given in the original Latin, in the hope that it may not be without interest to the countrymen of Dr. Moore in the twentieth century :—

“Eodem die in Comitiiis generalibus Praeclaræ Artium Facultatis apud Mathurinenses, admissis quinque supplicibus, prorogatosque fasces Rectorios Cl. viro Magistro Delaval, libentissime confirmavit Constantissima Natio, cum magnopere probavisset et laudavisset elegantissimam orationem, ab ipso prius habitam in laudem Cl. viri Michaelis Morus, decani quondam sui, pro qua et gratias ipsi egit speciales in plenîs Comitiiis, vehementer optavit eandem perpolitam orationem in suis commentariis posse aliquando reperiri, ideo quoque nominavit deputatos qui, gratiis iterum privatim actis, nomine totius Nationis eam ab amp^{mo}. Rectore postularent in commentarios describendam, quod paulo post præstiterunt, acceptamque scripsi.

“Haec habet summorum hominum virtus, siquando in tempestate formidolosissima temporis spectata fuerit, ut quoties ejus memoria recurrit animis, admirables sui amores excitet, nec de eâ possit ulla nisi honorifica, nisi plena amicissimi desiderii mentio fieri. Amamus enim id quod admiramur, et admirationis comes est desiderium. Inde fit ut, licet praeclara Facultas Artium viris et virtute et doctrina insignibus abundet, existimem tamen neminem esse in vestro numero cui non sit gratissima recordatio clarissimi Viri, nuper fato functi, Michaelis Morus, qui Sacerdos Hibernus S. Romanae Ecclesiae, Academiae nostrae Rector, Constantissimae Nationis Procurator et Decanus, Artistarum Moderator in Regia Navarra, Latinae et Greccæ, Philosophiae Professor in Regio Gallorum Collegio, Dublinensis Universitatis Princeps et perpetuus Moderator, perpetuus Montis-fiasconis Academiae Rector in Italia fuit ; et in quo difficile dictu est, utra præstiterit doctrina an religio, simplicitas an magnitudo animi, amor patriae an Vestrae Universitatis.

¹ *Conclusions de la Nation d'Allemagne. Reg. 40, fol. 257.*

“Dublinii natus ex ea gente Catholica, eoque stirpis excellentissimae nomine, quae quasi Dei Immortalis beneficio, vel ad retinendam vel ad recuperandam religionem, Angliae data fuisse praedicabatur, id sibi, authore Deo, a natura munus injunctum credidit ut quondam apud suos Catholicae fidei defensor atque propugnator existeret. Eo consilio a complexu parentum in Galliam tanquam ad mercaturam bonarum artium primumque Catholicae fidei armamentarium delatus, nondum adolescens, prima studia litterarum apud Nanetes posuit, perfecit Parisiis, omnique contentione perpolivit. Non dicam pluribus quos progressus fecerit, quibus se armis ad oppugnandum errorem muniverit, ampliores enim fructus ejus studiorum ad splendorem nostrae Academiae redundaverunt quam ut apud vos qui vel audivistis vel sensistis, commemorare necesse sit. Satis ergo sit hoc dixisse, religionis amor, linguarum ubertas, rerum divinarum humanarumque cognitio, consultorum medicorum scientia, oratorum artium doctrina, progressum aetatis in pio adolescente praecucurrerunt, qua enim aetate alii philosophiam doceri incipiunt ea in Grassinaeo nostro cum laude publice professus est. Sed excellentis ingenii amplitudo non plus quam decem annos potuit philosophicis regionibus contineri. Parum tuit Michaeli nostro nisi ut doctrinam Aristotelis adoptaverit, sic ejusdem docendi rationem ita sequeretur ut intermissis Philosophiae exercitationibus ad docendam Rhetoricam, suam operam converteret. Et quemadmodum Philosophiae jejunitatem et barbariem copia verborum et elegantia temperavit, sic in amœnis eloquentiae campis, florum luxuriem dialecticae acuminibus et pressiore dicendi genere compesceret.

“Verum tantae eruditionis, tam limati judicii commendatio non intra Galliae fines substitit. Iam maria et Alpes transvolaverat. Tirconellus prorex Hiberniae, Michaeli nostrum tanquam suum vindicat, jubetque autoritate regia qua pollebat in hac parte, ad principatum Dublinensis Universitatis in patriam reverti, ut ex magnis et diuturnis erroribus quibus Sancta Religio conflictata et poene extincta fuerat, Michaeli ministro tandem aliqua vis erumperet, quae posset labentes civium animos in fide Catholica continere, et studiis litterarum eadem scabie confectis succum et sanguinem reddere.

“Hic, Proceres Academici, quis satis digne commemoret, quot et quantas in sinu patriae, in amplexu parentum Morus passus sit suae constantiae, suae fidei tentationes? Tunc

temporis, Jacobus II Rex, si quis unquam fuerit in Anglia Catholicae fidei cultor sanctissimus, a genero, quem regno inhiantem perfidia civium et uxoris cupiditas stimulabat, e solio pulsus in Hiberniam, necessitate jam etiam ipsa cogente, spes suas suorumque fortunam transtulerat. Verum O Spes hominum fallaces! O incerta vulgi studia! Vis et fraus in tota lata regione dominantur. Quid faciat Morus noster? Pronunciantur perfidiae et scelerei praemia, dignitates, amplitudo fortunae, Patriae salus. Intentantur Fidei Catholicae minae, exilium, carcer, cruciatus, exitium; jam agri pio sanguine madescent, jam pulsantur urbes tormentis, et corruunt. Jam pius socer impii generi cessit armis victricibus, iterum dicam quid Morus faciat? Stat, Proceres Academiae, immota velut rupes, insultantibus minitantium fluctibus caput objicit, nec movetur. At at unde tam subita mutatio! Omnis impiorum immanitas in viri admirationem vertit. Fidem in eo detestantur, laudant tamen abstinentioniam, constantiam vituperant, sed humanitatem admirantur, Pudet tueri sacerdotem Romanae fidei, antiquae probitatis exemplum quo fruuntur trucidare piget. Dolent hominis vices, sed eruditionem venerantur; malunt Patriae lumen exulari quam extingui. Sic exercita, sic probata in periculis Michaelis Morus virtus est, antequam iterum mare transmiserat ad nos rediturus. Non diu tamen Parisiis commoratur. Verum, Proceres academici, haec comitiorum celebritas, vestrumque studium videndi ad quem sapientissimi Quatuorviri honorem amplissimum detulerint, nos monent ne virum tot clarum nominibus sequamur usque Romam, quo Cardinales ad docendam theologiam advocarunt, ubi Innocentius XII dedit documenta maxima quanti fecerit hominis prudentiam et doctrinam, et Clemens XI palam ac publice declaravit eum institutioni filiorum fratris praefuturum. Silentio quoque praetereo grata multis, et accommoda Peripateticorum institutis opera, quae tum Parisiis luci edita, viri lepores et tersum scribendi genus praeferunt. Propero ad ea quae nostra sunt. Clarissimus Morus tandem taedio maris atque viarum, annis plenus et commendatione in sinum Almae Matris Academiae Parisiensis, quae nunquam ejus desiderio effluxerat, tanquam in portum e longa navigatione rediit. In liberale otium confugiebat, sed novos honores invenit; novos labores; vix enim primum in haec comitia pedem intulit cum homini nihil praeter otium requirenti, spem otii vestra aequitas.

vestraque suffragia praeciderunt, aequum namque erat Matrem optimam cum nationibus exteris invicem sui alumni fama frui et virtutibus, aequum erat ad tantam viri commendationem id quod est apud vos amplissimum tanquam cumulum accedere. Aequum erat judicia Nationum, Cardinalium, Pontificum, vestro judicio confirmari, nec dicam utrum plus in vobis aequitatis existerit cum tantum virum, ad hoc quod vestro beneficio tenemus summi honoris fastigium extulistis, an in ipso cum praeter opinionem, amorem otii et solitudinis, ultro fasces delatos accepit. Creastis eum Rectorem, Proceres academici, habuistis artistarum in Regia Navarra moderatorem, audivistis Philosophiae, Latinae et Graecae professorem. Verum ubinam major in splendore modestia, major in moderandis adolescentium animis prudentia, major in familia Peripateticorum, quam quae in eo sagacitas comperta est? Suavis omnibus, omnibus affabilis, quamvis esset summa senectute et perdita valetudine, quotidie tamen simul atque luceret faciebat omnibus conveniendi sui potestatem. Amans patriae, nec consiliis parcebat nec sumptibus ut quos ex popularibus laudabiliter egentes noverat omni ope et opera sustentaret. Amans pariter nostrae Universitatis fixerat apud se Academicorum quasi comitium, in quo nihil attentius cogitabatur quam jura Universitatis, quam monumenta Majorum. Constantissimus Constantissimae Nationis Decanus, poene dixi, robur atque firmamentum, nihil habuit antiquius quam ut sine trepidatione, sine motu, sine cujusquam offensione instituta majorum et vestri ordinis, vel lapsa restitueret, vel restituta conservaret. Supersedeo plura dicere, Proceres Academici, satis non diservisse quidem sed delimasse me arbitror qualis in vos fuerit venerabilis senex, ut nostri muneris fuisse censeatis, hos qualescumque flores ejus sepulchro injicere, et piis Rectorii viri manibus pacem aeternam adprecari."

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IRISH MANNERS AND CUSTOMS IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY

THIS anonymous description of Irish life as it was just before the close of the sixteenth century may be interesting to some of our readers. It is from the pen of a foreigner (*a Spaniard, or an Italian*), one who accompanied James Fitzmaurice on his daring expedition and landed with him at Smerwick, July 17th, 1579. Possibly he was an ecclesiastic (*Mateo de Oviedo, O.S.F.?*); but the mere fact of his writing in Latin is by no means a certain indication of his state, at a time when all educated laymen were good Latin scholars. At any rate, and this is the point which concerns us most, he was an attentive observer of men and manners, and what he saw in Ireland he described well.

The little MS. itself, if we may judge from the letter that encloses it, was taken to Madrid on March 11th, 1580, by Alessandro Bertoni of Faenza, a "Maestro di Campo" or Captain. He may have also been its author. It was handed to one who held an exalted position, and who had been instrumental in sending Fitzmaurice and Bertoni to Ireland; one who took an affectionate interest in our Catholic forefathers, and who lamented the untimely death of the high-souled James Fitzmaurice of Desmond.

DE MORIBUS ET STUDIIS HYBERNORUM.

1. Rarissimus est in his regionibus pecuniae usus, rerum commutatione plerumque utuntur.

2. Hospitia vel diversoria publica nisi forte in ipso portu non habent. Qui peregrinatur, in quamcumque domum diverterit, omnia ei gratis exhibentur; non tamen statim, sed quando ipse pater familiae comedit.

3. Ante vesperam non solent mensam ponere, potum interim viatoribus non negant.

4. Genera potuum octo sunt: cerevisia quae fit ex aqua et ordeo, lac, serum lactis, vinum, iusculum, mulsum, aqua vitae, aqua pura.

5. Viri mantellis se tegunt, foeminae tiaras ex lino latissimas in capite gerunt; cultellis utuntur tam longis ut pugiones ipsa magnitudine superant.

6. Honorabilior persona in medio sedet, secunda a dextris ejus, a sinistris tertia, iterum quarta a dextris, et ita deinceps donec tota domus in circuitum juxta parietes compleatur. Omnium enim vultus ad januam convertuntur, nullius vero tergum, quod ea ratione factum dicunt, ut ne quis ab hoste improvisus circumveniatur.

7. Catholicam fidem tam firmam tenent, ut nunquam videantur haereticis aurem praebuisse. Media nocte ad orandum et meditandum surgunt, qua in re nonnulli horam integram, alii mediam collocant; ignemque eadem hora semper accendunt.

8. Lingua eorum chaldaicae et hebraicae affinis est, aspirationes plurimis litteris adjungunt, ex quo fit ut aliter scribere quam pronuntiare videantur, *auditus*(?) non sola aspiratio at interim aliae litterae scribuntur.

9. Ad orationis Dominicae in Missa recitationem assurgunt, et stantes eam audiunt

10. Feria quarta solent a carnibus, sexta vero a lacticiniis abstinere.

11. Tam viri quam foeminae sese osculantur, quando primum occurrant.

12. Licet omni urbana educatione careant, tamen tam pacifice atque amanter invicem se gerunt, ut ii sex totis mensibus nec milites quidem unquam ad arma venire viderim; quae pax etiam inter equos et canes ipsos servatur, unde adducor ut hoc totum regionis et aeris bonitati adscribendum putem.

13. Coeli tanta est temperies, ut a perpetuo vere parum differat, adeo ut armentis et gregibus herba in agris nunquam desit.

14. Nullum animal venenatum in Hybernia reperitur, non anguis, non vipera, non rana.

15. Ut comedunt plurimum quando suppetit, sic jejunant patientissime, biduo ac etiam triduo.

16. Fidem suis dominis non violant, ad quorum voluntatem bellum pacemque suscipiunt.

17. In bello ut quisque animosior est, ita relictis ordinibus in exercitum hostilem etiam solus invadit, parum animadvertens quid socii agant.

18. Pernicitate pedum equos adaequant et superant.

19. In foeno, gramine aut stramine libentissime sedent, scamna et petras vitant, adeo ut si non sit ubi sedeant praeterquam in aliquo scamno aut arca, scirpos, foenum, aut stramentum, sibi subjiciant.

20. Equos apprehensa eorum aure sinistra conscendunt, nullo sustentaculo pedum utentes.

21. Ocreis non utuntur, nec ulla conduct.

22. Nobiliores sago teguntur, quod ex corio fit variis coloribus intexto.

23. Sacram poesim colunt, eam non multo studio discunt, nec nisi praemisso jejunio et oratione rithmos suos de rebus sacris conscribunt; cum negotia gravissima tractant, poetae sunt eorum internuncii.

24. In coena priusquam gratias agant, episcopi aut presbiteri concionem apud astantes habent, quam caeteri cum magna attentione audiunt.

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In reference to No. 18, I may add that the extraordinary speed of the Irish runners is mentioned by two other personages. Lord Mountjoy in a dispatch to the English Privy Council, dated June 5th, 1602, says of the *Irish rebels*, "excelling in footmanship all other nations." And Marco Antonio Correr, the Venetian ambassador, in his report on England, Ireland, and Scotland, sent in 1611 to the Doge, Ser Leonardo Dorato, refers to our countrymen thus: "The Irish, cradled in hardship, are most agile and dexterous, and swifter on foot than any other nation"—(*from a translation, preserved in the Record Office, London*).

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PROPHECIES ABOUT THE KINGS OF CASTILE, ETC., ASCRIBED TO S. MALACHY

A GREAT many persons have heard of "S. Malachy's prophecies" about the Popes, but perhaps very few know that prophecies regarding the Kings of Castile, Leon, Aragon, the Princes of Catalonia, and the Counts of Barcelona, are also attributed to him. The authenticity of the celebrated prediction about the successors of S. Peter is not quite certain, but the arguments adduced in its support possess at least sufficient probability to attract the notice of critics and historians ever since their publication by Arnold Wion. The question has been discussed for more than three centuries. A distinguished French scholar, who has consulted almost every one of the numerous works on the subject and who has carefully examined the reasons on both sides, holds that S. Malachy wrote these prophecies. Apart, however, from the question of authorship which to some persons is a secondary one, there is that of their intrinsic worth or their nature. Are they prophecies? This can be tested by comparing with them the series of the Popes since the date of their publication, A.D. 1595. To many scholars it seems that their antiquity, together with their correctness, fully establishes their claim to be regarded as a revelation of the future.

These remarks are equally applicable to the announcement about Kings in Spain. Even though it has lain in comparative oblivion until the present day, there is some reason to believe that it is the composition of the canonized Archbishop of Armagh. Those to whom we are indebted for the document say that it was written by S. Malachy. And persons that know the history of those ancient kingdoms and principalities in Spain, observe that what is said about their rulers is perfectly accurate. Such accuracy, however, has no value in the present investigation, unless the description is known to be anterior to the persons and events described. As regards the latter half of Philip IV's reign and the reign of Carlos II, we ourselves can test the accuracy of the alleged prophecy, for we know that the MS. containing it emerged from the obscurity of a cloister before the middle of Philip's reign. This part of the prophecy, near its end, bears the test.

The original may have perished, but two transcripts are extant. Both at present are in Madrid: one (of a part) in the Biblioteca Nacional (Departamento de los Manuscritos, Cc. 52, 9401, folios 83, 84. N.B. *In the Catalogue, S. Malachy is erroneously called an Abbot, but not in the MS.*), and the other in the Academia de la Historia (Papeles de los Jesuitas, vol. 143, no. 12). The Biblioteca Nacional possesses also a commentary on the document (same department, l. 98) by a Don Luis Alderete y Soto, the only one apparently that ever wrote about these prophecies. It and the transcripts appear to be of the seventeenth century. Alderete disapproves of the ascription to S. Malachy, and thinks that what he holds to be a prophecy is older than the saint by a hundred years. Two of his arguments are inconclusive, but the third, on the supposition that the opening lines are prophetic, is, as regards these lines, unanswerable. The question of authorship, as regards the remainder of the composition remains the same, however, if these lines may lawfully be separated. He speaks thus:—

Lo primero que se ofrece de averiguar es de quien sea esta profecía, porque comunmente se dice ser de San Malachias y que su principio tuvo en el monasterio de Poblet de Catalunia. Esto no puede ser por muchas razones. La primera porque San Malachias es muy deudoso aver sido monje Cisterciense. Lo segundo, porque aunque aya sido de aquella sagrada religion, como es mas cierto y parece lo quiso decir San Bernardo que escribió su vida, pero este santo no estuvo en Cataluña donde dicen se a allado esta profecía. Y la razon mas principal de todas, porque San Malachias que fué Ibero o Irlandés, obispo Connorensen, Arcobispo de Ardmaca murió en el monasterio Claravallense año de 1148, a dos de Noviembre como lo dice el Cardinal Baronio a 3 de Noviembre de su Martirologio, y esta Profecía es de mas de cien años ante, como se vera en su progreso. Tan poco esta profecía es de propheta Sicaro Presbytero, porque este fué en tiempo de San Malachias el cual dijo el S. Obispo en Evora viniendo de Escocia, como dice Surio, tomo 6. fol. 105.

The passage in Surius to which Alderete refers is taken from S. Bernard's life of S. Malachy. "Cumque egressus de Scotia, pervenisset Eboracum, sacerdos quidam Sycharus nomine, intuitus eum agnovit" (ed. Coloniae, 1575; p. 99). Sycharus had a revelation about S. Malachy, but it does not appear either necessary or relevant

to introduce him into a discussion about the authorship of this prophecy.

In both the transcripts above-mentioned, short prefatory notes are found. They will be given here for the satisfaction of the reader. They are the only sources of information about the prophecy known to the present writer; for if there be anything additional in the essay or commentary of Alderete who presumably had one or other of the transcripts before him, it has escaped his notice. When he combines their statements and adds some particulars, all he has to say is said.

In 1639 the Conde de Guerauld who at the time was Governor of Catalonia received from the Cistercian monks of Poblet what they averred to be a prophecy of S. Malachy. The MS. had been deposited in the archives of that monastery by its founder, Saint Sanctius the Abbot of Fonfroide.—(Thus far the Madrid MSS.)

Fonfroide, "Fontis frigidi," which still exists, is situated in a valley about twelve miles from Narbonne. Sanctius who became its first Cistercian abbot in 1134 is not venerated as a Saint in the calendar of the Order, though the Biblioteca MS. honours him with the title. Fonfroide was the mother house of Poblet, according to Janauschek (*Originum Cisterciensium*, tom. I. p. 86). Poblet, which lies between Lerida and Tarragona, is about seven miles from the latter city. Ramon Berenguer IV, Count of Barcelona, bestowed the site on Sanctius the Abbot of "Fontis frigidi" or Fuen fria as the Spaniards call it, by two charters dated, respectively, 1149, 1150. The Cistercians settled at first in a place called Laderta, and moved into their new abbey in 1153. Sanctius was its first abbot—(See Janauschek). Poblet is said to derive its name from an ancient hermit, Saint Poblet, and was a place of pilgrimage, but it became still more celebrated when the Cistercians made it their home. For a long period afterwards it was the burial place of the Kings of Aragon. Antecedently speaking, there is nothing improbable in the statement that Saint Malachy who was so much attached to the Cistercians and who breathed his last at Citeaux in 1148 should have uttered a prophecy about the Kings of Aragon, etc., and that monks of the Order when about to settle in Poblet should have taken a MS. of the prophecy with them.

We may now see what the Madrid transcripts contain:—

The preface of the Biblioteca Nacional MS. is the following:—

S. Malachiae de Regibus Hispaniarum, cujus hic extant verba ante proemium, quae ventura sunt annuntiabo vobis, recondita

fuit in archivo Monasterii de Poblet a S. Sanctio Abbate fontis frigidi, qui simul cum duodecim sanctis Patribus venit Cathaloniam ubi in praedicto Monasterio prima ordinis S. Bernardi fundamenta jecerunt.

The text, to which have been added short notes in Spanish, begins thus:—

Reges Aragonum & comites Barchinonum
 Et scindens pallium fratri succedit. (D. Martin)
 pullum coronat morte praeveniens (su hijo D. Martin de Sicilia)
 senex orbatus solus quiescit.

A marginal note explains that the MS. does not contain all the prophecies, but only those of one section. "No se ponen todas sino solas las que comienzan con este titulo." We may observe, however, that elsewhere (X. 246) in the same department there is a MS. entitled, "Profecias sobre los Reyes de Castilla y Leon." On the other hand, though the Archivo Historico-Nacional contains documents taken from the now suppressed monastery of Poblet there is not among them one that throws any light on our subject. We turn, therefore, to the Academia de la Historia MS. It contains these two prefatory notes, written on the margin:—

Hae prophetiae scil. de tempore S. Malachiae reconditae sunt in Archivo Monasterii de Poblet et anno 1639 fuerunt emissae exmo. Comiti de Gueralt locum tenenti suae Majestatis in Catalonia, a quoque haec copia fuit desumpta.

(In another hand) Este es un Papel Singular: diomele por cossa muy cierta el General de S. Benito el año de 1640. Y ha se tenido por muy autentico. Hallóse en el convento de Poblet de a orden de S. Bernardo en Catalonia el año de 1639.

We shall give first the text of this MS. which so far as known contains all the prophecies. But before doing so, it may be well to observe that immediately after S. Malachy's introductory words, someone has inserted what both the MSS. call a "prooemium." It is obviously a paraphrase of the hymn for the common of many martyrs. Some parts of it are illegible in the Academia MS., but as it is comparatively unimportant, this circumstance causes little regret.

At the end of lines in the prophecies, names of kings and other rulers written in Spanish will be noticed. They are proposed identifications, added by some unknown annotator.

QUAE VENTURA SUNT ANNUNTIABO VOBIS.

Prooemium.

Quae vox, quae poterit lingua retexere
mira gestorum, gestaque fortia,
quae prisci Principes contra Barbaros
pro Christi gloria gesserunt fortia ?

Hi furias atque ferocia
calcarunt hominum Dei auxilio
pugnandes acriter proprio cruore :
rubri nam fluido sanguine laureis
ditantes bene fulgidis

Hi metuendi Mauris
toto in orbe Christo Tyrannis
ast et Francigenas domans civiliter
Plebs Mahumeti cogitans fugere

Huc
hoste repulso Hesperiam
Hi illustrissimi Deoque coruscant
Laude dignissimi omni ex parte
producunt ex alieno Gothorum sanguine
exemplum Regum, morumque clarum
inter almiferas tenent catervas

quae Deus contulit coronata praemia.

PROFETIA REGUM CASTELLAE ET LEGIONIS

Post sancti obitum illiusque primi
qui quintum vigessimum septimum (?) obtinuit
in trecentesimo viginti tres minus
exurget filius : sed frater minat,
juvenis casus male dormivit

D. Sancho. 2

Regnat post frater sextus in ordine.

Cuncta composita filiam procreat
et quamvis foemina regnare cupit.

Sed intrat filius qui bene imperat
adquirat, multos Mauros expugnat,
in sua obitu Regna dividet.

Sed venit tertius; castrum ingreditur
desideratus, solum obtinuit.

Secundus frater Leonem dirigit

Bonus octavus Castellam tenet

Decimus autem in castro erit

inopinata heu! morte corrueat

Tertius autem divisa congregat,
dividi autem minime offert.

Ex duobus 4^s pacificus erit

in anno 4 ipse quiescet

Modestus 4! ipse dimidiet

Bellator fortis erit undecimus

per quadraginta fortia facit.

Sed semen ejus cruore plenus

qui . . . digluteret . . . os ejus

Sed ejus filius vomitu reddet

mutuo Pater, et erit tertius.

Venit 2^{us}, et senex dirimit

Constructor Regni 4^{us} adveniet

et mundo claram relinquet puellam

atamen nuptam ipse videbit.

D. Alonso. 6

Da. Urraca

D. Alonso. 7. Empera-
dor

D. Sancho 3 de Castilla
el deseado.

D. Fernando de Leon.

D. Alonso 8 el bueno.

D. Henrique. 10.

D. Fernando 3 de Cas-
tilla y Leon.

D. Sancho 4.

D. Fernando 4

D. Alonso II. Con-
quistador.

D. Pedro el cruel

D. Henrique (?)

D. Juan. 2.

D. Henrique 4.

D. Isabel Catolica

REGES ARAGONUM ET PRINCIPES CHATALONIAE.

De comite Princeps post sui nonos

et Post duodenos de Aragonia

post centum quatuor in anum veniunt.

Pace compositis Cruce cum axis (?)

expulsis Mauris Gloria vincet (?)

sed septuagenarius in pace erit.

Relinquet mundo, nam fatigabit,

qui cuncta lustrat (?), oppida captet

actate juvenis, animo canus,

Intrat magnanimus, gladio corrueat

post parta multa manu crudeli

D. Berenger 4. Principe
de Aragon, començando
de D Petronila.

D. Alonso de Aragonia
y Chatalonia

D. Pedro 2, muerto in
Montfort.

infaustus fortis omnes pavescent.
 Frater Joanes vexiliarius Petri
 transiet mare, et bene se gessit
 Floris fasciculum arcu posedit
 et Moros teneros gladio conteret
 calcabit Saram Agaram comprehendet.
 Franciæ flagellum ei successit
 Aquilas rapiet simul cum dracone
 Castus et largus 2^s venit
 cingulum pauperis praecinget se
 Alter 2^s et fratri successit
 Gubernat provide, et palos dimitet (?)
 2^s natus 4^s adveniet
 Justus et pius senex quiescet.
 Paxilus (?), fortis si Deus roboret
 ingenio pugnat : corpore parvulus.
 Venator I aspectu decorus
 subito corruet quadragenarius.

D. Jaime I.
 conquista de Mallorca
 Valencia
 Murcia

D. Pedro 3 Ca Fran-
ceses

D. Alonso el casto
 fraile de S. Francisco
 D. Jaime 2.

D. Alonso 4.

D. Pedro 4.

D. Juan el hermoso
 murió de repente.

REGES ARAGONUM ET COMITES BARCELONAE.

Et scindens palium fratri succedit
 pulum coronat, mortem prevenit
 Senex orbatus solus quiescet.
 Arbór abolitus(?), truncus truncatús
 surgit nobilior, et dominatur,
 accidit, dormit, palos(?) dimitet.
 Exit magnanimus, Aquilas jungit,
 transiens venit de gente in gentem
 de suo Regnum ad populum alterum
 ampliat Regna, sed ibi quiescet.
 Post duodenos exurget frater
 rumores minat, sed omnia superat
 Morte preventus 2^s regnat.
 jungitur castro et er. . . .
 sub jugo . . . in unum duo
 Et grana mala cum suo semine
 et radicabit . . . non durat
 et mundum novum manifestabit
 post colum Cortex. . . .
 In quinquaginta bis minus anno

D. Martin, y su hijo
 Rey de Sicilia.
 Acabase la casa de
 Aragon

D. Fernando electo el 2.

D. Alonso el 5 murió
 en Napoles.

D. Juan el 2.

D. Fernando 2. el Cha-
 tolico juntase Ara-
 gon con Castilla por
 D. Isabel.

Granada.

las Indias

Colon y Cortes

Carlos 5. Emperador

veniet Aquila, Castrum, et Leo
 Axes et capita sub se manebunt,
 rugiet leo, omnes pavescunt ;
 juxta Pavonem Galum comprehendet
 Saxum cum Petro subjectum habebit

Exsurgens sapiens, lilium luget
 Lunam conclitat(?) in negro ponte
 Quinquena vulnera sibi appropriat
 Nigrescunt lilia sanguine plena
 Idem(?) rubiginat, sed resipiscunt
 sexagenarius et plus succumbit
 Noster cantarius, et pulum relinquet
 de solio regnans dormiens dimicat
 perdita Regno reliquias Lunae
 cognitus sui dimidiavit
 Quartus cruciferus bene se gessit
 Aquilam juvenis, Germaniam praemit :
 Gallus occumbit moerore(?) plenus ¹
 cunctis compositis in pace quiescet.
 Sed filius suus(?) charo lumine suscitetur
 nec ipse pius pium plus cantet ?
 Anglum, Germanum amore plectit
 et satis senex ipse quiescet.
 Ardens ut facula 6^s ingreditur
 post multa gesta in unum veniunt
 Castrum, Leo, Galus, et Aquila,
 et virginem veterem ipsi tenebunt,
 et postea lunam in mari mergent.
 Et Nardus(?) furit, cui successit
 si . . minus fide, Regno, et sceptro
 sua dominia in ortu augebit
 dum fidem servat, ei saeviescunt(?)
 bella, quae gessit ex desiderio.
 occumbit felix sexagenarius.
 Cano(?) latrabit trabeam rubeam
 septimum sceptrum cum pugione
 qui res mirabiles ipse videbit

La prision del Rey
 Francisco en Pavia.
 El Duque de Saxonia,
 y el Papa
 Philippo 2., el sabio.
 La armada nabal.
 Las quinas de Portugal

La muerte de Philippò 2
 Phelipe 3.

Expulsion de Moriscos.
 murió de mediana edad
 Philippus 4.

Muerte del Rey de
 Francia
 El principe hijo de
 Philipe 4.

Otro Rey despues 6.

Otro Rey 7.

Otro Rey 8.

Señales ante del juicio.

¹ Murió el Rey de Francia Luys 13 de quien aquí abla 14 de Mayo de 1643.

Nec flos, nec corvus, vulpes, et Aquila,
 dracones jubilat, nec crucem deferent
 Enricus(?) actor diadema auget Otro Rey 9.
 praestat labori pro fide Petri :
 et dum resurget, qui eum premit Antechristo
 et regnat, et coluber, ut ipse regnat,
 en finis tandem, cum Deus judicet.

Deus super omnia, sed haec legitime deprompta sunt ab antiquo.

As has been explained above, in the Academia MS. parts of this third prophecy could not be read with certainty and other parts continued to be illegible. It has, therefore, been considered advisable to give in addition the text of the Biblioteca MS. The two manuscripts presumably contain the same text, word for word. Some details are found only in the commentary of the Biblioteca MS.

REGES ARAGONUM ET COMITES BARCELONAE.

Et scindens pallium fratri succedit	D. Martin
pullum coronat, morte praeveniens	Su hijo D. Martin de Sicilia
Senex orbatu solus quiescet.	
Arbor avulsa, truncus truncatur	Acavó la casa de Aragon
surgit novilius, et dominatur,	D. Fernando primero elegido.
occisus dormit, pullus dimitit.	
Exiit magnanimus, Aquilas jungit,	D. Alfonso 5° de Napoles pasó
transiens de gente in gentem,	a Sicilia y murió.
de suo Regno ad populum alterum	
ampliat Regna, sed ibi quiescit.	
Post duodenos exurget frater,	D. Juan el segundo
rumores minat, sed omnia superat,	
Morte preventus, secundus regnat,	D. Fernando el Catholico. Juntase
jungitur castro et erunt duo	Castilla y Aragon. y D ^a
sub jugo bovis in unum duo.	Isavel que tenia en sus Armas
Et grana mala cum suo semine	un Jugo.
Eradicavit ferro non durus,	Conquista de Granada
et mundum novum manifestavit	Colon. Cortes de Indias
post colum Cortes	
In quinquaginta bis minus uno(?),	
(unum ?)	

Veniet Aquila, Castrum, et Leo, Axes et capita sub se manebunt, rugiet leo, omnes pavebunt ; justa Pavonem Gallum apprehendet Saxum cum Petra subjectum habebit. Exurgat sapiens, lilium luget, Lunam conclipsat in Nigroponte Quinquena vulnera sibi appropriat	Carlos 5 Emperador. Prision del Rey de Francia Del Duque de Saxonia y el Papa Philipo 2° el Savio Batalla naval Union de Portugal cuyas armas son 5 llagas
Nigrescunt lilia sanguine plena, Dei judicio gladio corruent, sed resipiscent septuagenarius et plus ocumbit Noster canterius pullum relinquet sacrati sanguinis salsugo erit de solio regnat dormiens dimicat perdit a Regno reliquias Lunae cognitus suis dimidiavit Quartus cruciferus bone(?) se gessit aquilam juvenis, Germanum premit : Gallus ocumbit moerore plenus cunctus compositis in pace quiescet. Sed filius quintus quintum claro lu- mine suscitetur nec ipse pius pium plus cantet Anglum, Germanum amore plectet, satis senex ipse quiescet Ardens ut facula sextus ingreditur post multa gesta in unum venient Castrum, Leo, Gallus, et Aquila, et virginem veterem ipsi tenebunt, et postea lunam in mare demergent Et erit Nardus, cui succedit si non minus fide, Regno, et sceptro sua dominia in ortu augebit dum fidem servat, ei eveniunt bella quae gessit ex desiderio decumbet felix sexagenarius Carolus strabit Tratiam rubram septimum sceptrum cum pugione qui res mirabiles ipse videvit Nec flos, nec corvus, vulpes, nec Aquila	Muerte de los reyes de Francia Se reconcilian con la Iglesia. Muerte de Philipo 2° Philipo 3° Expulsion de los Moriscos Murió de 40 años Philipo 4° que tenia una cruz en el paladar. Muerte del rey Luis de Francia el hijo de Philipo 4°

dracones sibilant, ne cruce deferent
 Henrricus laboribus pro fide Petri :
 de Dan exurget, qui eum premit
 pugnat ut coluber, ut ipse regnet,
 en finis tandem, cum Deus judicet.

Hic explicit Prophetia S. Malachiae Archiepiscopi.

It will be noticed that doubtful decipherings of the Academia MS. are indicated here by a note of interrogation and illegible words by dots. The spelling has not been altered: thus "pulum" and "palium," characteristically Spanish forms of "pullum" and "pallium," are retained.

The first observation regarding the part which refers to the Kings of Castile and Leon is the obvious one (made by Aldarete), that if its beginning be a prediction it must have been uttered by someone that lived long before the birth of S. Malachy in 1095, for Ferdinand I to whom it alludes reigned from 1037 to 1065, when Sancho II (the first king identified in the margin) succeeded him in Castile. However, it may be answered that the first lines are an introduction to the prophecy. The point is one which the present writer acknowledges himself unable to elucidate. The same obscurity exists in regard of the second part, entitled, "Reges Aragonum et Principes Chataloniae," but not in regard to the third, "Reges Aragonum et Comites Barcelona," which is, by the way, the only one contained in the Biblioteca Nacional MS.

As regards the identifications which are added on the margins of the MSS., "Don Martin," for instance—they are sufficient for readers that know the history of Spain by heart, but for others the following additional notes may be of some use.

I. KINGS OF CASTILE AND LEON.

The reign of Ferdinand or Fernando I "the Great" (1037-65) was marked by a succession of victories and conquests. By his will the kingdom was divided between his sons; the eldest, Sancho II, received Castile; Alphonsus or Alonso, Leon and Asturias; Garcia, Galicia.

Don Sancho II—"Sancho the strong" (1065-72). He expelled Alonso and Garcia, and thus united the three kingdoms. The renowned Cid was general of his army. Sancho himself was assassinated at Zamora.

Don Alonso VI (1065-1109). He returned from exile on the death of Sancho, imprisoned Garcia for life, and obtained the three kingdoms. He was called "the light and the shield of Spain." In 1085 Alonso took Toledo from the Moors, and Valencia in 1094 by the sword of the Cid.

Urraca (1109-1126). Daughter of Alonso VI, and wife of Raymond of Burgundy, was soon left a widow. In order to strengthen his own position Alfonso I of Aragon married her. He assumed the title of emperor, but she determined to rule alone in Castile and Leon.

Alfonso VII (1126-57). Son of Urraca and Raymond of Burgundy, acknowledged as King of Galicia during his mother's lifetime, crowned as Emperor at Leon in 1135. At first victorious against the Moors, he suffered some reverses before the end of his reign. Alfonso divided his kingdom, giving Castile to his elder son, Sancho, and Leon to the other, Fernando.

Sancho III (1157-58). He was surnamed "el deseado," "the beloved." Reigned only in Castile. It will be observed, that "castrum" is "Castile."

Fernando II (1157-88). Reigned only in Leon.

Alfonso VIII (1158-1214). Son of Sancho III, reigned only in Castile. He came of age in 1166, and put an end to his uncle's interference. Married Leonora, the daughter of Henry II of England. Alfonso, a great warrior, often victorious, suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of the Moors at Alarcos in 1195, but in 1212 he almost annihilated them at Navas de Tolosa. Before 1214 he had founded the University of Palencia.

N.B.—Alfonso IX (1188-1230), son of Fernando II, reigned only in Leon. He is not mentioned in the prophecy, but on account of the chronology must get a passing notice here. He is called the Ninth, though not really such, solely because he was junior to his cousin, Alfonso the Eighth of Castile. The numeration of the monarchs of these petty States, sometimes united sometimes divided, is rather intricate. Thus, for instance, the last-mentioned monarch, who was one of the best that ever ruled over a part of Spain, is commonly called Alfonso the Eighth, and sometimes the Ninth, whereas in reality he was the Third, of Castile.

Henrique X (1214-17). Henry I, correctly speaking, the young son of Alfonso VIII. His sister, Berenguela, acted as Regent. He was accidentally killed by the fall of a tile from a roof.

Fernando III, "el Santo" (1217-57). Son of Alfonso IX of Leon

and of his cousin, Berenguela or Berengaria of Castile. The marriage was declared invalid, but the offspring made legitimate by Innocent III. On the death of Henry I of Castile, Berenguela was acknowledged its sovereign, but she soon sent to Leon for her son Fernando, then eighteen years of age, who was crowned in Valladolid. On the death of his father in 1230, he inherited Leon, and a law was passed making Castile and Leon one kingdom for ever. Then began his long series of victories over the Moors (*los Almohades*). Xeres, Cordova, Murcia, Seville, Cadiz, and other places were taken. Fernando also founded the University of Salamanca. He was not only a brave king and an accomplished scholar, but a model of virtue. As his first cousin, Louis of France, Fernando is a canonized saint.

(Alfonso X, "The learned" (1252-84), the eldest son of Fernando, if not the wisest, certainly the most learned Spaniard of his age, according to the interpretation, is ignored in this prophecy. We have here another instance of the somewhat confusing nomenclature of the kings. Alfonso el Sabio (*the wise*), a famous legislator but a weak ruler, was IV of Castile and X of Leon, but he is reckoned as Alfonso X of Spain, and on this account, *e.g.* the present king's father was styled Alfonso XIII.)

Sancho IV, "the brave and great" (1284-95). The present writer does not see a reason for the interpretation here. Sancho, the victor of Jaen (1274), was in 1276 by the Cortes declared successor to his father Alfonso X, to the exclusion of the sons of his deceased elder brother, Fernando de la Cerda (1274). Sancho IV was anything but peaceful, he has been called a royal brigand and during his reign everything was in disorder. The one great event in this period of strife was the taking by Alonso de Guzman of Tarifa and the keeping it at the cost of his son's life.

Fernando IV (1295-1312). Son of Sancho IV. The young king's interests were nobly defended by the same Alonso de Guzman, "el Bueno," against the Moors and against domestic enemies until his own death in 1309, the year in which he took Gibraltar. Fernando IV was kept on the throne by the firmness of his mother, the regent Doña Maria. When he came to the throne he showed his unfitness to govern, and after an act of treachery he died suddenly as he lay sleeping on a September afternoon.

Alfonso XI, "the Conqueror" (1312-50). Son of Fernando IV. He got rid of rebels, took Algeciras in 1344, and favoured literature. He is often styled "del Rio Salado" from the great victory he gained over invaders from Africa.

- Pedro I, "the cruel" (1350-1369). Son of Alfonso XI. A Spanish counterpart in lust and barbarity to Henry VIII of England. Assassinations, etc., common. Pedro was deposed, but with the help of the Black Prince, he defeated his own brother, Henrique de Trastamara, at Najera in 1367 and regained the throne.
- Henrique II (1369-79). Henrique de Trastamara, illegitimate son of Alfonso XI. He murdered Pedro, and afterwards successfully resisted the pretensions of John of Gaunt to the crown of Castile.
- (John I (1379-90). He is passed over in the prophecy. A just ruler, who, however, sided with the anti-pope, Clement VII. This Don Juan united Biscay to Castile. He waged war until 1387 against John of Lancaster and until 1389 against Fernandez of Portugal. Juan's fleet sailed up the Thames and burned the shipping almost within sight of London. in 1380. John of Gaunt's expedition in 1386 was a notable failure.)
- D. Henrique—Henry III, "the sickly" (1390-1406), son of John I and husband of Catherine of Lancaster, is almost passed over in the prophecy, "Et erit tertius" is all that is said about him. He had a prosperous reign and was on good terms with Tamerlane.
- D. Juan II (1406-54). Son of Henry III. A weak ruler, but in his reign the Moors were defeated at Sierra Elvira (1431).
- D. Henrique IV (1454-74), "the weakling." A spendthrift and an idler. Probably "Destructor" is the correct reading here, for in no sense was he a "Constructor." Solemnly declared at Avila in 1465 to have forfeited the throne. The legitimacy of the daughter of his second wife was not acknowledged, and the vacant throne was offered first to his half brother, Alfonso, on whose death in 1469 it was offered to his own sister, Isabella, who was in every respect far superior to him. By Isabella's marriage in 1469 with Ferdinand of Aragon, and by her succeeding on Henrique's death in 1474 to Castile, the two kingdoms were finally united.

II. KINGS OF ARAGON AND PRINCES OF CATALONIA.

Ramon Berenguer IV (1131-62). To begin with Petronilla. She was the daughter of Agnes of Aquitaine and the secularized monk, Ramiro, who for a time ruled over Aragon. He betrothed her to Ramon Berenguer, Count of Barcelona, and returned to

his cloister in 1137. Their marriage was solemnized in 1150 and Ramon became King of Aragon. By the capture of Tortosa in 1148, of Lerida and Fraga in 1149, he was able to drive the Moors out of Catalonia.

Alfonso II (1162-96). Son of Ramon Berenguer. A warlike king. In 1167 he recovered Provence, over which he placed his brother, Pedro. He also beat Sancho of Navarre who had invaded Aragon in 1172, while Alfonso was engaged fighting against the Moors. At length in 1179, owing to the good offices of Henry II of England an end was put to the long war between Aragon and Navarre.

Pedro II (1196-1213). He sided with his brother-in-law, Raymond of Toulouse against Innocent III. Fought at Navas de Tolosa with Alfonso VIII of Castile against the Moors. Slain at Muret, fighting against Simon de Montfort.

Jaime I, "the Conqueror" (1213-76). He was the most famous of this line of kings. It is interesting to read that in his youth he wore the cowl, presumably as an "oblatus," in Poblet, the very monastery where these prophecies were preserved. He defeated the Moors in thirty engagements and conquered three kingdoms, so he may well be called "el Conquistador." Perhaps he is here designated "vexiliarius Petri," because Gregory IX in 1238 offered him the dignity of Protector of Rome. James was present (for a short time) at the Council of Lyons. He founded almost two thousand churches, some being built by himself, others being mosques he had taken from the Moors. While a brave warrior, James was licentious and on this account was reproved by Popes.

Pedro III, "the great" (1276-85). In his reign the power of Aragon increased. By his marriage in 1262 with Constantia, the daughter of Manfred of Sicily, Pedro was subsequently drawn into war against Charles of Anjou. Soon after the Sicilian Vespers he was crowned King of Sicily at Palermo in September, 1282. However, Pope Martin IV excommunicated Pedro, and in 1283 deposed him in Aragon. The rest of his life was spent in fighting against Charles of Valois and Philip the Bold.

Alfonso III (1285-91). Eldest son of Pedro III whom he succeeded in his Spanish dominions. He is known as "the open handed," "el Magnifico." In 1285 he recovered the Balearic Islands. Alfonso granted the "privilege of union," or recognized the right of his subjects in certain cases to make war on him. In 1291 at the Congress of Taragona he submitted to the Pope, and was

acknowledged King of Aragon and the Balearic Islands, but his brother, James, had to give up his claims to Sicily. In 1287 he was betrothed to the daughter of Edward I of England, but he died unmarried. Of him Wadding ("Annales," V. p. 298) says: "Erga minorum sodalitiū summe erat propensus, quod et demonstravit, dum corpus ad divi Francisci aedem in veste Minoritica voluit sepeliri." And Hueber adds that it was in the Franciscan church of Larida, Alphonsus was buried ("Menologium," p. 219).

Jaime II (1291-1327). Second son of Pedro III to whom he succeeded in Sicily. He was crowned there in 1286, but was excommunicated a few months afterwards by Honorius IV. Soon after his accession to Aragon (1291), he resigned Sicily to his brother, Fadrique (Frederic) who founded the line of Aragonese kings of the island. James was invested with Sardinia and Corsica; he took the first in 1324, the second in 1326.

Alfonso IV, "the good" (1327-36). During his reign he waged war with the Genoese about the possession of Corsica and Sardinia. His short reign was embittered by domestic quarrels.

Pedro IV, "the ceremonious"—so called from his excessive enforcement of court etiquette (1336-87). From 1347 to 1386 he had trouble in Sardinia. He finally annexed the Balearic Islands to Aragon by driving his kinsman James out of Mallorca, he also abrogated the "privilege of union," and in 1380 he declared his second son, Martin, King of Naples. Pedro was a dissembler, and met with many misfortunes.

Juan I (1387-95). Patron of Catalan poetry, excessively fond of pleasure, and enamoured of splendour. In spite of his love of ease, he had, however, often to put down the Sardinians and to assist his brother, Martin, in Sicily. In the fourteenth century Aragon was the land of constitutional administration, of expeditions, conquests, etc. During the same period Castile was the land of faction, intrigue, and civil war.

III. KINGS OF ARAGON AND COUNTS OF BARCELONA.

Martin I, "el humano" (1395-1410). He succeeded his brother on the throne of Aragon. (*N.B.*—The words "scindens pallium" used to indicate him contain an allusion to the act of his patron saint.) He imprudently favoured the pretensions of his kinsman by marriage, Peter de Luna, Cardinal of Aragon, and anti-

pope Benedict XIII. In order to punish the king, Boniface IX conferred Sardinia and Sicily on an Italian. However, his son, Prince Martin, was able to maintain himself in Sicily and to undertake an expedition to Sardinia. But though victorious, he died of fever there, July 24, 1409. With Martin the dynasty of the Counts of Barcelona ended.

Fernando II, "the just" (1412-16). As Martin I left neither son nor brother, the crown of Aragon passed after two years of strife to his nephew Fernando, the brother of Henry III of Castile, and for a time Regent of that kingdom. On Martin's death several claimants to the crown of Aragon arose, among whom six were worthy of consideration. A court was appointed to decide. It consisted of nine judges, the most esteemed and influential of them being S. Vincent Ferrer. Owing chiefly to him, six out of the nine votes were given in favour of Fernando of Castile. The only trouble that Fernando could not remove was that of the Great Schism, owing to the obstinacy of Benedict XIII. He had one been of the best Regents of Castile, and he was one of the best kings of Aragon, fully deserving the title of "el justo."

Alfonso V of Aragon, and I of Sicily and Sardinia, "the magnanimous" (1416-58), Son of Fernando, el justo. He is said to have been called the magnanimous, on account of his refusal to trace the authors of a conspiracy. He is also known as the wise. In 1420 he was adopted as prospective heir by Queen Joanna of Naples, but was disinherited three years afterwards. Alfonso, however, took Naples in 1442, and thus became king of the two Sicilies in 1443. His rule in Italy was better than his rule in Aragon. He left Naples to his natural son Fernando.

Juan II of Aragon, Sardinia, and Sicily (1458-79). Brother of Alfonso V. By his first marriage with Blanche of Navarre in 1425 he claimed to be king there. She died in 1441, and when he styled his second wife Joanna, Queen of Navarre, Blanche's son, Charles, the Prince of Viana, took up arms against him. The sudden death of Charles in 1461 was suspected to be due to poisoning. Don Juan was ambitious and imprudent, and his whole reign was a disturbed one.

Fernando V, "the Catholic" (Fernando III of Aragon and Sicily, II. of Naples). Son of Don Juan II, in 1466 associated with his father in the government of Aragon and in 1468 made King of Sicily. In the following year he married Isabella of Castile, the sister of Henry IV, on whose death in 1474 they were acknow-

ledged as joint sovereigns of Castile by some, and by all in 1479. (*N.B.*—Here again “castro” is found, it indicates Castile, *Castellum*. The annotator of the Biblioteca Nacional MS. points out that the arms of Isabella contained a yoke, “jugo.”). Granada was taken from the Moors in 1492. In 1498 Columbus (*Colon*) discovered America, and in 1504 Cortes went to Haiti. In the last mentioned year Ferdinand became King of Naples, and Navarre was incorporated with Castile in 1515. He thus ruled over the four kingdoms into which till then Spain had been divided (Aragon, Castile, Navarré, Granada).

Carlos V (1516–56). As King of Spain, Charles I; as Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V. Son of Philip of Burgundy and of Joanna (*la loca*) the daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella. Leo X opposed his election to the imperial crown; and Clement VII tried to form a coalition against him, an indirect result of which policy was the awful sack of Rome by the troops under the command of the Constable de Bourbon. Charles V defeated and captured Francis I of France at Pavia in 1525, and beat John Frederic the Elector of Saxony at Mühlberg in 1547.

Philippo II (1556–98). Son of Charles V and of Isabella of Portugal. Philip governed wisely and always had the interests of the Church at heart, so far as he understood them, though it must be said that his absolutism in Sicily deprived the Church of freedom. The Spaniards called him “*el rey prudente*,” and heretics called him “*demonio meridiano*.” In 1559 he concluded with France the treaty of Cateau-Cambrésis. His half-brother, Don Juan of Austria, defeated the Turks in 1571 at Lepanto. In 1580 Philip annexed Portugal which he claimed in right of his mother. This was the only conquest of his reign. *N.B.* the five “castles” on the royal standard of Portugal really symbolise The Five Wounds.

Philippo III (1598–1621). The final expulsion of the Moriscos took place in 1609. Affairs in Germany occupied a great deal of this king’s attention. Spain was governed by the Duke of Lerma. In 1610 he became the Protector of the Holy League, though Maximilian I of Bavaria continued to be its real head. It was likely in 1609 that Philip would be elected Holy Roman Emperor, but in the interests of Spain, Zuniga, the Spanish ambassador in Vienna, opposed the project. However, till the end of his life Philip continued to send men and money to the assistance of the Austrian Habsburgs, and for a time Philip desired that his second son, Don Carlos, should be elected

Holy Roman Emperor. Another matter that occupied Philip's thoughts for some time before his death was the "Spanish Match" (between his daughter, Princess Mary and Prince Charles of England). Philip the Third's reign marks the beginning of Spain's decline.

Philip IV (1621-65). The misfortunes increase. In 1629 the king made a secret treaty with Rohan, the Huguenot leader in Languedoc, against Richelieu, who eventually overcame the Huguenots. And he left the reins of government in the hands of his ambitious and restless Prime Minister, Olivarez. The Spanish absolutism in matters ecclesiastical led to troubles with Urban VIII, though personally Philip IV was a sincere Catholic. The war with France was unsuccessful, there were losses in the Netherlands, Catalonia revolted, and Portugal threw off the yoke. The troubles may be said to have lasted till the Peace of the Pyrenees (1659), and the marriage of Philip's daughter, Maria Theresa, and Louis XIV in the following year. But Spain had lost her once proud position. The last words of Philip to his son were "God grant that your reign may be happier than mine!"

Carlos II (1665-1700). In 1677 Louis XIV invaded the Spanish Netherlands. The superiority among monarchs that Philip II had possessed now passed to the Most Christian King. Richelieu's work was continued by Mazarin. The peace of Aix-la-Chapelle was made in 1668, and that of Nymwegen in 1678. Then from 1688 to 1697 (peace of Ryswyck) there was war with France. Charles II was weak minded. Though twice married, he had no issue. He was the last of the Spanish Habsburgs, and his death was the signal for the expression of long pent up schemes and desires, the tocsin for the outbreak of the war of the Spanish Succession.

It will be noticed that here the annotations end. While certain events in the history of the Bourbon Kings of Spain might seem to be signified by the concluding part of this prophecy, no Henry has ascended the throne as yet.

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THREE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE DEANERY OF DUNDALK DURING THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

THE first document presented in the following pages is the Record kept by Revd. Laurence Taaffe, P.P. Kilkerley, while he was Vicar General of Armagh during the Primacy of Dr. Blake. He was appointed Vicar General in April, 1763, and held the office until the end of 1768. I found this Record in the *Liber Matrimonialis* of the parish of Kilkerley. The entries for January and February, 1763, are the ordinary marriage entries of the parish, but, after that time, very few such entries were made. The second document gives further information concerning some of the priests mentioned in Fr. Taaffe's Record. The third document is made up of extracts from a manuscript in the R. I. A., written by Nicholas O'Kearney in 1835. This M.S. contains poems written by the Irish poets of Louth and South Armagh, together with traditions current in the district during the early years of the nineteenth century. Concerning the following priests mentioned in Fr. Taaffe's Record, I could obtain no information: Mr. Dowd (June, 1763), Mr. McKey (May, 1764), Mr. Varden (August, 1765), Mr. Parlan (February, 1767), Messrs. Markey and Wall (January, 1768), Mr. McGrane (April, 1768), Mr. Clinton (May, 1768), Messrs. McCoy and Kenna (August, 1768), Messrs. Boyle and Brannagan (October, 1768), and Mr. McKevett (December, 1768). Mr. Kieran (Revd. Brian Kieran) to whom reference is made in the entry of August 22nd, 1768, was the subject of a long poem written by the Omeath poet, Redmond Murphy, which can still be recited by many of the native speakers of that district.

REV. L. MURRAY.

Dundalk.

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15. Eugenium Quigli & Giudith Rice dispensatis bannis, ptibus. consanguineis.		5	5	
15. Pat Cullihan et Mariam Conoly, pmis bannis, ptibus. amicis				
15. Jacobum Lamb et Mariam Gartlany pmis bannis et ptibus. parentibus				
15. Brigidam Kelly et Nicolaum Trenor disp. bannis et parentibus presentibus		5	5	
15. Mariam Kieran et Jacobum Murphy disp. bannis et par. ptibus.		5	5	
22. Patt. Beirn et Margt. Hannratty disp. bannis et pres. parentibus		5	5	

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5. Bernardum Murphy et Catt. Crawley disp. bannis et pres. parentibus		2	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
20. Rcd. pro bannis Jacobi Hughes de Monaghan et Brigidae Plunkett		8	1	$\frac{1}{2}$

May

1. Recd. pro bannis Joannis McGee et N. Sherlin de Carlingford, petitione pastoris		5	5	
8. Dionysiam Colman et Mariam Beirn, 2bus bannis dispensatis, pres. consanguineis		2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
22. Annam Mac Donel et Jacobum McCardle, disp. bannis, pres. consanguinibus		5	5	

31. Marian Byrne et Laurentium Halpeny dispensatis	£	s.	d.
Bannis		4	4
31. Gave ye Primate a guinea			

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8. Judithum McKeone et Bernardum MacGinis disp. bannis, pres. par.	II	4	$\frac{1}{2}$
13. Jacobum Corgan et Aliam Rufsel, disp bannis, presentibus Joanne Taafe et Maria Murphy . . .	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
27. Hugonem McKeone et Brigidam Hoy, disp bannis .	5	5	
21. Recd. from Mr. Coleman ¹ for banns (Louth) . .	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
30. Recd. from Mr. Dowd f.b.	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$

July

3. Recd. from Mr. Patrick Makenna ² of Cooley . .	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
Pat Magugen et Cath. Conolan disp. 2bus bannis; pres. parentibus	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
14. Mariam Watters et Pat Loughran disp. bannis, pres. par.	3	3	
14. Saram McArdle et Pat Matthews pmis. bannis, pre- sentibus fratribus			
21. Recd. for ye banns of George Fleming and Cath. Crawley Dundalk	3	3	
23. Dudley Castlaw et Margaritam Smith disp. bannis .	5	5	
29. Patt. Ma Grooder and Annam Hillok disp bannis, presentibus Eugenio et Maria Roger	5	5	

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9. Recd. for ye banns of Patk. Carrol and Elizabeth Codden, Cooley	3	3	
16. Recd. for ye banns of Matthew MacCardle in Mr. Mooney's ³ walk	2	2	
Recd. from Mr. Healy's ⁴ parishioners for 2 banns .	2	2	
24. Recd. for 2 banns of Matt Monaghan and Margt. Quigley, of Mr. Colman's	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
30. Recd. ye Conference day, from Cooly and Dundalk .	6	6	

¹ Revd. John Colman, P.P. Louth.² Revd. Patrick McKenna, P.P. Carlingford and Cooly.³ Revd. Hugh Mooney, P.P. Faughard (Upper).⁴ Revd. Michael Healy, P.P. Killewins (Forkhill).

	7-bris	£	s.	d.
16. Recd. for banns of Bartley Mooney and Margaret Byrne of Dundalk			3	3
22. Recd. for banns in do.			5	5
26. Mariam Quinn et Edmundum Flinn disp. bannis, pres. parentibus			5	5
	8 br.			
31. Recd. from Mr. Coleman for dispn. in 3° and 3° Consanguinity and banns (Louth)			17	4
	9 br.			
3. Recd. for banns of Bernd Coyle and Mary Toole of Cooly			2	8½
4. Annam Kelly et Edm. Magee disp. bannis, pres. amicis			3	3
6. Recd. for banns of Jno. Castlaw and Mary Green of Dundalk.			5	5
7. Recd. for dispn. in 3° & 4° of Hugh Murphy and Judith McShein from Mr. Healy's parish			3	3
7. Recd. for banns of Francis McGrogh and Cath. Morgan of Cooly			3	3
11. Recd. for banns of Patt Rice and Cath. Marley of Cooley			2	8½
14. Recd. from Mr. Thomas ¹ for banns.			2	8½
14. Edmundum Kelledy and Judith Klosky pmis. bannis, pres. parentibus				
20. Mariam Kelly et Eugenium Markey pres. par.				
21. Eugenium Coleman et Maria Murphy pmis bannis, pres. amicis				
21. Recd. from Mr. Thomas for banns of 2 couple			6	6
Recd. from Mr. Haly for 1 couple			3	3
	Xbris			
6. Judith Kieran et Bernardum Ma Ginis disp. bannis duobus			5	5
19. Recd. for banns of Terence Clark and Elizabeth Clark of Cooly			3	3
27. Bernardum Hanratti et Catt. Brienan disp. bannis			5	5

¹ Revd. Dominick MacThomas, O.P., in charge of Lower Foughart.

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	£	s.	d.
2. James Ma Geogh and Mary Daily disp. bannis duobus	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. Recd. for Banns of Patrick MacCoort from Cooley .	3	3	
4. Recd. for Banns of John Murchian and Briget McVey Forcheill ¹	3	3	
5. Bernd. MacDaker and N. Carroll Banns disp., prs. par	5	5	
7. Recd. from Mr. Thomas for Banns	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
9. Recd. from Jas Guggerey of Cortell ² for Banns .	3	3	
Patk. MacCartney et Margaritam Conraghan disp. bannis, pres. par.	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
11. Recd. for banns of Michael Lyons and Joan Murphy Cooly	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
17. Thomas Lawless and Brigidam MacKevet disp. bannis, pres. parentibus			
19. Recd. for banns of Cath. Kelledy and Lau. Lawless of Louth	3	3	
20. Recd. for banns of Thomas Roody and Mary Mac Creeshi of Cooly	3	2	
23. Recd. for banns of John Ermy and Cath Cambel, Lower Dundalk	4	4	
28. Recd. for banns from Mr. Thomas	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
30. Recd. for banns of Terence Tool and Mary Rooney of Cooley	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$

Februarii

1. Recd. for banns of Danl Ma Grahan and Elinora Corran Cooley	5	5	
6. Recd. for banns for Mr. Carrol ³ Dundalk	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
10. Dionysium McCardle and Annam Maginnis, disp. bann. presentibus N. Coleman and Brigida Fitz- patrick	3	3	
12. Recd. for Banns of Jon. Boyle and Honora Farrel of Cooley			
13. Recd. for 2 Banns, the man in Mr. Mooney's, and ye woman in Healy's	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$

¹ Forcheill, correct Irish spelling of Forkhill.² Cortell—Cortial in the parish of Louth.³ Revd. Peter Carrol, appointed to Dundalk during this year, after Revd. Dominick Bellew, afterwards bishop of Killala, had been ousted by the anti-Jacobite party.

	£	s.	d.
13. Recd. for banns of a couple in ye parish of Dundalk	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
20. Recd. for banns of a couple from Cooley	3	3	
23. Recd. from banns, Thomas Tool and Elinor McGragh Cooley	3	3	
29. Recd. for banns of Cath. Kelleedy, and N. Durnin, Dundalk	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
29. Annam Hughes and Bernardum Rice			

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3. Recd. for banns of Jas Kelleedy and Cath Duffy of Dundalk	3	3	
5. Recd. for banns of a couple in do.	3	3	
Recd. for banns of Patk. MaLone and Margt. Callan of Cooly	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
Recd. for banns of Peter MaGahan and Anne Miles of do.	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
Recd. for banns of Wm. Galmor and Elizabeth Carroll do.	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
Hugonem Callan et L. Karell, ex meis ; Recd. pro bannis ; pres. amicis	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
Cath. Conaghu and N. N. de Dundalk pro bannis pres. amicis	3	3	
6. Recd. for banns of a couple from Mr. Boyl ¹	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
" " " " Cath Sharkey of Hagerstowne ²	3	3	
6. Recd. for banns of a couple from Louth	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
Brigidan Loughran and Carolum Johnson pro bannis, pres. par.	5	5	
19. Recd. for banns of a couple in Dundalk	3	3	
20. " " " " Thos. Rogers and An. Cassidy, Cooly	3	3	

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7. Recd. for banns of Jno McCardle and Margt. Rooney Louth	5	5	
25. Recd. for banns of Patt Roark and Mary Connolly of Cooly	3	3	
27. Recd. for banns of Hugh Fegan and Cath Mac Etegart of Cooly.	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$

¹ Revd. Edward Boyle, pastor of Dromiskin.² Hagerstowne—now Haggardstown, Fr. Taaffe's parish.

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	May	£	s.	d.
2	Recd. for disp. in 4° and 4° and banns for Mr. McKey's parish	8	1	½
7	Recd. for do. from Mr. Quinn's ¹ parishioners	5	5	
9	Recd. for banns of Mary Wade and Bernd. Henery— Mr. Boyle	2	8	½
12.	Recd. for 2 banns of Bernd. Wire and Cath Rocke of Loughgilly	2	8	½
14.	Michaelm Tornton et Aliam Coleman disp. bannis, pres. Berndo. Kelledy and Pat Drom	3	3	
17.	Recd. for banns from Cooly	3	3	
27.	Jacobum Myers et Elizabeth Woody disp. bannis, pres. fratribus	5	5	

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4.	Recd. for disp. and banns for Parish of Loughgilly	8	1	½
9.	Recd. for disp. in 3° and 3°, Patt Carrolan and Margt. Lannan	8	1	½
16.	Gave Dr. Blake for banns &c since 8th June 1763	6	5	1½
19.	Jacobum Gartlany and Rosam Calon disp &c.bannis : pres Cath McCardel and Lau Doulan	4	4	
22.	Brigidan MaGinnis and Patt MacDonnell disp. bannis, pres. par.	3	9	½
27.	Recd. for banns of Jas Courtney and Biddy Mat- thews Cooley	3	3	
28.	Recd. for banns of Jas Gilmer and Anne Lamb of Creggan ,	2	8	½

July

14.	Annam Garvey and Eugenium Cunny disp. bannis, pres. amicis	3	3	
17.	Recd. for disp in 3 and 4 ; and banns from Mr. Money	16	3	
21.	Recd. for banns of Owen Rice and Mary Morgan from Cooly	3	3	
	Arthur and Cathrin Donnelly, Dr. 3. 3. from Cooly			
23.	Recd. for banns from Mr. Thomas	3	3	
24.	„ „ „ „ Mr. do.	2	2	
	„ „ 2 banns from Mr. Healy	2	8	½

¹ Revd. Terence Quinn, P.P. Creggan.

	Recd. from Stephen Rice and Cecily Hier from	£	s.	d.
	Cooley, for 3 Banns		3	3
	Recd. for 3 ^o and 3 ^o Consang. of do.		5	5
30.	Recd. for three banns of George MacCanns and N. MacDonel—Mr. Carroll		5	5

August

8.	Recd. for banns of Rose Quinn and Ricd. Murphy of Creggan		3	3
15.	Recd. for banns of Pat Murphy and Cath. Tool, of Forchel—Mr. Haly		5	5
17.	Recd. for banns of Jas Hagan and Mary Donnelly from Cooly		3	3
19.	Recd. for banns of Andrew MacKeon and Bridget Murphy, Creggan		5	5
21.	Recd. for banns from Mr. Carroll, Dundalk		3	3
25.	Recd. for banns from do.		3	3½
28.	„ „ do. „ do.		2	8½
28.	„ „ do „ do and Mr. Quinn		3	3
30.	„ „ do of Anthony Gernon of Dundalk, and Jean Smaall of Healy's		3	3

7 bris

8.	Recd. for do. of Patt Harty and Cath. Murray, Dundalk		2	8½
10.	Recd. for do. of Mr. Carroll of Dundalk		5	5
24.	„ „ do. „ Elinor Dowdall and Patrick Morgan, Co. Meath—Dundalk		5	5
25.	Recd. for do. and 3 ^o and 4 ^o ; Cooly.		8	1½
25.	Recd. from Friar Kelly, Killeavy	I	2	9
	do		5	5

8 bris

5.	Recd. for banns of Patrick McGrane and Mary Crelly—Mr. Healy		3	3
7.	Mariam MacCartin and Patrick Farel 2bus bannis disp.		2	8½
8.	Recd. for banns of Brian Fegan and Anne Quinn, Cooly		2	8½
15.	Recd. for 2 do. from Mr. Carroll Dundalk		2	8½
20.	Recd. for 3 do. of Jas Cassidy and Mary Crelly, Cooly		3	3

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22. Recd. for 3 do. of Jon. McManus and Elinor Kerr,	£	s.	d.
Cooly		3	3
30. Recd. for do. of Jas Rice and Bridget Boyle, Cooly.		2	8½
Recd. for do. from parish of Loughgilly		5	5
31. Recd. for do of Pat Lawless and N. Comins Dundalk		3	3

9 bris

8. Recd. for do. of Michl. Waren Dundalk and Bridget Lurkan Cooly		8	1½
12. Recd. for do ; 2 couple from Dundalk		10	10
17. " " " from Geo Byrne "	I	2	9
20. " " " " Mr. Thomas, Faughart		3	3
23. " " 2 do ; Peter Kieran of Louth and Mary Daily Creggan		3	3
26. Recd. for do. 2 Couple from Dundalk		8	8
27. Recd. for do. Patrick Kelly and Mary Bird, Dundalk		3	3
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1. Recd. for 2 banns, from Mr. Thomas, Faughart		2	2
" " 3 do from Mr. Carroll, Dundalk		5	5
3. " " 3 do " do do		5	5
" " do " Patk. Kearney and Anne Drum- gold Cooly		5	5
10. Joannam Brady and Mariam do. disp. bannis Dr. 2. 8. Presentibus Consanguinibus			
17. Recd. for 3 banns from Cooly		4	4
30. " " do. of Terence Kieran and Margt. Hanratti do.		3	3
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1. Mariam Hahi and Joannam Morgan psis bannis ; pres. par.			
8. Thomas Tweeth and Mariam Breen disp bannis, pres. fratribus.		5	5

	£	s.	d.
11. Recd. for 3 banns from Mr. Carrol Dundalk. .		5	5
26. Recd. for do. of Thos. Maguire and Mary Gartlany— Mr. Boyle		5	5
29. Recd. for do. of Anne MaGinnis and Arthur Ward do. Recd. for do. of Elizabeth Woods and Michl. Higgins Dundalk	2	8	½
30. Recd. for do of Jas MacArdle and Kathy Owens— Mr. Mooney	11	4	½
	2	8	½

Feb.

4. Recd. for do of Terence Murphy and Anne Joordan Cooly		3	3
Recd. for do. of Felix Hanratti and Sarah Morgan, Mr. Haly		3	3
6. Recd. for do. from a couple in Dundalk		5	5
8. Recd. for do. Edwardi Haghi, Dni. Mooney and Mabella Roarke de Cooly		4	4
11. Disp. in 2 banns with Eliz. McKey and Hugh Coeltan, Creggan		2	8½
14. Recd. for do. Patrick MaGugen & Margt Magraih Cooley		3	3
16. Dr. Patt Denvour de Down and Catharina Neill 3. 3. Cooly			
18. Recd. for do. of Rich McKinley Kellevi and Bridget Thomson Faughart		2	8½
19. Anne Dermott and Edward, disp. bannis, pres. parentibus		5	5
19. Mariam Moran and Guilielmum Brady disp. bannis .		5	5
25. Recd. for banns in 3° and 3° Cons. of Thomas Murphy &c. Creggan		8	1½
— Recd. for 3 banns of Peter Dolan and Alice Duffy— of Mr. Boyle		5	5
26. Recd. for do of Neal Wall and Anne Branan from Mr. Healy		4	4

March

4. Recd. for banns on 3° & 4° Cons. of Peter MacArdle and Mary McCann, Cooly		8	1½
11. Recd. for banns of Chas McKeane and Mary Gallagher—Mr. Mooney		5	5

	£	s.	d.
— Recd. for do. of Art Martin and Cath. Calon Dundalk		3	3
— Recd. for do. of Jos Kirk and Cecily Murphy Dundalk		5	5
20. Recd. for do from a couple of the Paris(h) Louth		2	8½
21. Recd. for do. from Peter Murphy and Mary MacCabe of Creggan		4	4
Recd. for do from Patk Murphy and Mary Donnelly of Creggan		5	5

Aprill

14. Recd for do. of Patrick Tallon and Rose O'Neil of Dundalk		3	3
15. Recd. from Friar Kelly of Killevi for six dispensations	1	1	8
20. Recd. for do. of Nicholas Roark and Margt. Murphy of Cooly		3	3
Patrick Beirn and Rosam Boyl, disp bannis, pre- sentibus amicis			
23. Recd. for do. of Jno McArdle and Else MaGinnis of Cooly		5	5
Recd. for do of N. Gallagher and Cath. Trenor, Dundalk		5	5
2. Judith Kelly and Bernardum Quorcan disp. bannis			
		148	0
		231	0
		40	0
		419	0

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2. Rd. for Banns of Patk Inglisby and An. Murphy Faughart		3	3
3. Annam MaGee and Pat Hamel, disp bannis, pres. amicis		5	5
Elsie Rooney and Eugenium Rogers pres. parentibus			
14. Recd. for banns of Henry Mills and Catherine MaKen Cooley		3	3
19. Edmund Connor and Catt MacCabe, disp bannis, pres. par.		5	5
21. Recd. for banns for Mr. Quinn of Creggan	1	6	0
		40	0

	£	s.	d.
29. Recd. for do. of Margt. Grahams and Denis Lyons— Mr. Boyles		5	5
29. Recd. for do of Margt MacCann and Phil MacCardle Cooly		3	3
30. Recd. for do of Hary Doudal and Anne Englisby— Mr. Thomas		3	3

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9. Annam Matthews and Jacobum Daly disp bannis, pres. par.		5	5
15. Recd. for banns of Jas MacShein and Rose MacGrane of Creggan		5	5
18. Recd. for do from Mr. MacKenna Cooly		3	3
Gave ye Primate 7 guineas	7	19	3
27. Recd. for do. Mr. Quinn Creggan		5	5
30. Bernardun Beirn and Mariam Kelly disp bannis, pres. amicis		5	5
July 1. Edmundum Magrane and Cath. Woods—Dr. pro bannis		2	8½
4. Recd. for Banns from Mr Coleman's parishioners, Louth		5	5
29. Recd. for do. Thos. Donough and Mary Matthews, Dundalk		5	5
30. Catharine McGeough and Joannem Kinahan, disp bannis, pres. parentibus		5	5
Augt. 8. Recd. for do. Laurence Cassidy and Margaret Murphy Cooly		3	3
9. Recd. for do. Harry McGinn and Anne Gartlany. Mr. Boyle		5	5
27. „ „ do. from Mr. Vardon		2	2
29. „ „ do. of Jno Dermott and Briget McGrane Cooly		2	8½
30. „ „ do of Mary McKeveit and Terence Rogers Cooly		2	8½
7br. 2. Recd. for do of Michl MaGinnis and Juidy Myers, Dundalk		5	5
6. Recd. for do. of Patt Murphy & Mary Delahunt, Dundalk		5	5
15. Patrick Conahu and Anne Finegen, 2 Bannis, disp .		2	8½

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	£	s.	d.
16. Denis Coleman and Anne Goslin disp bannis, pres. parentibus		3	3
18. Recd. for do—Mr. Carroll, Dundalk		3	3
21. Elizabeth Woods and Hugonem Mullon disp bannis.		3	3
24. Annam Keenan and Tomam Corrigan disp bannis, pres. parentibus		5	5
25. Georgium Levins and Elinoram Flood, Dublini			
30. Tomam Carroll and Rosam Garvey disp bannis		5	5
8ber. 3. Recd. for banns, Patk. Grougan and Mary Duffy, Creggan		5	5
5. Recd. for do. of Bryn Hugh and Elsie McEnulty, Creggan		5	5
6. Recd. for 2 do. from Creggan		2	8½
7. Recd. for do. from do.		2	8½
9. Recd. for banns of Thos. Murnaghan and Margt. Long Cooly		3	3
13. „ „ do of Jno Coyle and Bridget Kearney, Cooly		2	8½
— Terentium McGeogh and Anne Cahill disp bannis		5	5
14. Annam Mulhallon and Tomam Lamb disp. bannis ; pres. amicis		5	5
16. Recd. for banns of Jas Palon and Bridgt McKeone Creggan		5	5
26. Recd. for do of Terence McGarvey and Margt Bran-negan do.		5	5
29. Recd. for do. of Owen Carroll, Dundalk		4	4
IXber. 3. Recd. for do of Thos. Reilly and Sarah Toner, Cooly		3	3
3. Rosam Callaghan and Tomam Callan p.mes. bannis, pres. partibus			
5. Recd. for banns of Cormik Dullaghan and Mary Mulligan, Cooly		4	4
6. Joannem Coleman and Brigidam Reburre, disp. bannis ; prosentibus amicis		3	3
8. Recd. for 2 banns of Hary McShein and Judith Lavel, Cregan			
16. Recd. for banns — Cooly.		3	3
23. „ „ „ of Pat Casey and Ann Matthews, Faughart		5	5

	Xbr.	£	s.	d.
1.	Recd. for banns of Patt Rice and Rose Connor, Cooly	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Recd. for do of Henery and Mary O'Hear—Mr. Healy	3	3	
2.	Recd. for banns of Hugh McCan and Elenor White, Cooly	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Petrum Closky and Annam McGeogh disps. bannis, praesentibus amicis	5	5	
2.	Edmundum Woods et N. Clark, disp. bannis	3	3	
2.	Recd. for banns of Hugh Conoly and N. McLoy—Mr. Boyle	3	3	
4.	Recd. for bans of Thos. McKennas and Mary Water, Louth	5	5	
9.	Recd. for bans for 2 couple—Creggan	6	6	
10.	„ „ „ Ed. MaGinis and Ann Kelly, Cooly.	2	6	
10.	„ „ „ Hugh Tiernan and Rose Rooney, D.dalk.	3	3	
16.	Recd. for do—Patt Roark and Catt McGreehan, Cooly	3	3	
17.	„ „ „ for Denis Herill and Nelly McShane, Cooly	2	2	
30.	„ „ „ banns of 2 couple from Creggan	8	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
31.	Catt Martin and Joannem Campbell, disp bannis, prosentibus parentibus	3	3	
31.	Recd. for 3° & 4° gr. Cons. from Mr. Healy	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$

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1.	Recd. for banns from Mr. Healy	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	„ „ „ — 2 couple from Dundalk	5	5	
4.	„ „ „ of N. Fely and Ann MaGragh, Dundalk	3	3	
2.	Brigidam Fee et Jacobum Doudal, ter denunciatos, prosentibus parentibus			
6.	Recd. for 1 bann—Creggan	1	7	$\frac{1}{2}$
25.	Recd. for banns of Mifs Long, Carlingford	5	5	
27.	Mariam Cambell et Thomam Dorian, prosentibus parentibus			

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1.	Recd. for banns of Patt Farrel et Brig. Rourk, Dundalk	5	5	
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4.	Recd. for banns of Margarit Leenan & Thos. Hamel, Dundalk	£	s.	d.
			5	5
4.	" " " —Jno Convel et Catt Breenan, Dundalk		3	3
3.	Annam Smith et Patt McDonel, disp 2 bannis,		2	8½
6.	Jacobum Murphy et Catt Fel, disp bannis		3	3
9.	Recd. for banns of Terence Finigan et May Murtagh, Ddalk.		3	3
9.	Recd. for banns of Nichs. Nall et Cath Trenor, Dundalk		5	5
9.	" " " of Jas Heney, Dundalk, and Ann Rourk, Louth		5	5
9.	Patt Coleman et Mary Couraghan, disp bannis ; pres. par.		5	5
9.	Eugenium Clark et Elizabeth Quin, disp bannis presentibus Anna Levins et Brigida Fitzp.		3	3
17.	Recd. for banns of Hugh Murphy et Anne Kearny Cooly		5	5
11.	" " " , couple from Louth.		5	5
21.	Catt Cambell et Jacobum Boyle de Louth		2	8½

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4.	Recd. for banns of John Manning and Catt O'Neill ; 3. 9½ ; Dr. 1. 7½			
10.	" " " George Daw et Rose Boyle ; Mr. Mooney		5	5
10.	" " " Charly Rourk, Dundalk ; Mr. Moony		5	5
12.	" " " Jas MaCahy & Brigit McTegart, Cooly		3	3
31.	" " " Patt Murphy & Mary Waren, Creggan		5	5

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3.	Recd. for banns Owen Donnelly, Cooly, & Alice Harny, Ddalk		2	8½
6.	" " " Jon. McAlester, Foughart & Geny Biern, al. Morgan, Dundalk		5	5
6.	Christopherum Liney et Annam Kelly, disp 2 bus bannis, prosentibus parentibus		2	8½
8.	Recd. for banns from Mr. Quin,		4	4
10.	Recd. for banns, Loughlin Hamel et Catt Dullehan, Dundalk		2	8½
12.	Charity to Ned McKenna . + 1. 2. 9			

14.	Reed. for banns of Micl. Conner et Isabel Grogan, Mr. Healy	£	s.	d.
			3	3
15.	Ricardum Coleman et Margaritam Nugent in 3° et 4° consangin. Presentibus parentibus		11	4½
19.	Reed. for banns of N. Hanlon and Mary Brannan, Dundalk		5	5
21.	„ „ „ of Danl. Finigan et Briget McGee, Cooly		4	4
26.	„ „ „ Matt Kieran et Mary McCann, & 3° & 3°, Consangts. Louth	I	2	9
26.	Reed. for banns of Art. Crealan et Mary Quin, Dundalk		5	5
27.	Catt Murphy et Thomas Mulhallan, presentibus parentibus			
28.	Mariam Taaffe et Joannem Flinn, disp bannis		3	3

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May 3.	Reed. for banns of Patt Conlon Dundalk & Brig. Banan, Dizart		11	4½
9.	Rd. of banns of Patt Carragher & Ann Rogers, Dundalk		2	8½
19.	Rd. for banns of Thos. MaCan of Drogheda & Mary Magee, Cooly		5	5
19.	Rd. banns of Jas. Hagan & An Donnelly, Cooly		2	8½
19.	Rd. banns of Patt McBoy & Cath McKenna, Dundalk		2	8½
19.	Neil Carragher & Brigit Conohu, disp bannis prae-sentibus amicis		3	3
22.	Giudith O'Neil & Joannem Dromgole, pro-sentibus par.	I	2	9
27.	Rd. banns, Jas Hamel & Alice Bennet Dundalk		5	5
29.	Rd. banns, Mr. Boyle		5	5
June 7.	Rd. banns, Patt & Cecily Lamb, Creggan		5	5
10.	Rd. Banns of Jas O'Hier & Brig. Murphy—Mr. Healy		5	5
16.	„ „ from Mr. — Thomas		2	8½
17.	Sent Dr. Blake	10	4	9

Aug. 4.	Rd. for banns of a couple from Dundalk		5	5
Aug. 11.	„ „ „ „ of Henery McNise, Creggan & Ann McGrana, Forkel		4	4

	£	s.	d.
20 Rd. banns, Brian Colins & N. Carroll, Louth		5	5
7ber. 1. Rd. banns, Couple, from Mr. Thomas, Faughart		5	5
8. Recd. for banns, man from Mr. Quin ; and ye woman, Mr. McArdle ¹		5	5
8br. Rd. banns of Henery Tweeth of Boyl's and Catherine Halpenny of Coleman's		5	5
3. Rd. banns, Matt Lourcan, Dundalk and Catt Marmion, Faughart		5	5
11. Rd. banns, Mich. Boyle and Mary Connor, Cooly		3	3
20. „ „ Peter McGonel and Rose McShein, Mr. Healy		3	3
20. Patt Little & Ann McCormick, pros. amicus			
28. Rd., banns, Hugh and Margt. McMahon, Creggan		5	5
9br. 3. Rd. banns—Patt Trenor and Mary Fegan, Cooly		3	3
3. Rd. banns, Thomas Joans, Dundalk, and Ann McNamee, Louth		2	8½
3. Rd. banns, Michl. Campbel and Margt. Lanan in 3° and 3° Louth		5	5
3. Rd. banns—Matt Malone (mine) and Bridgt Leddisse, Dundalk		5	5
16. Rd. for banns of Terence Conwell and Catt Coultan, Dundalk		4	4
17. Rd. banns, Arthur Neeve & Margt. Murphy, Creggan		4	4
20. Rd. banns, Terence Hanlon & Margt. Donelly, Cooly		3	9½
20. do , Patt Karny and Anne Sharkey, Cooly		3	3
20. do , Ann Rice, Dundalk, & Chas Daw (Mr. Moony)		4	4
29. Rd. for 2 couple, Dundalk		8	1½
25. Rd. for banns of Michael Quin, Creggan		5	5
	£5	10	6
Xbr. 1. Rd. for banns of Neal Curgarigh and Margt. MacAvé, Creggan		5	5
4. Rd. from Mr. Mooney for banns of Jas. McGuire and Mary Carrol without applying for license.		5	5
4. Rd. from do. for do. of Hugh McGuire and Rose Mc Donel		2	8½
8. „ for banns of Bernd. Greehan & Ann Carroll, Cooly		3	3

¹ Revd. Francis McArdle, given as P.P. of Killenins.

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8. Rd., banns, Geo. McShein & Rose Heril in 3° & 3°; £	s.	d.
Cooly	8	1½
9. Rd., banns, Owen O'Neil & Rose McKeone, Cooly .	3	3
9. „ 2 couple from Creggan	8	1½
13. Rd. banns of Patt McKenna and Ann Carragher, Creggan	3	9½
15. do Danl. Murry and Sara Farrell, Creggan .	5	5
15. „ Manus Moan & Susanna MaGiny, Creggan .	5	5
15. Rd. banns, Terence & Mary Lannan do .	2	8½
15. do Jas Hamel & Mary McShein, Dundalk .	5	5
15. do Mary Barron & Terence Short—This, Mooney —That, Healy	3	3
19. Rd. Banns & 3° 4° Consangs. Terence Conlon & Judy Durnin, Louth	I	2 9
22. Rd. Banns of Miles Hanratty & Bridgt. Callan—Mr. Healy	5	5
29. Rd. Banns, Brian Murphy & Mary Durnin, Cregan —Mr. Devitt	4	4
29. Rosam Dolan ex meis et Pat Haughey de Dundalk .	3	3
29. Patt Corlan & N. Carr, disp bannis, Dr. 3. 3. (paid)		
29. Patt Goslin & N. N. de Dundalk Dr. 5. 5.		

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1. Catt Magrane & Patt Courtney of Mooney's D. B. .	4	4
6. Rd. banns of Patt Gernon, Dundalk	5	5
7. Rd. banns, Richd. Devine & Jiudith Corran, Cooly .	4	4
8. Jiudith Hoy & Danl. Grahams de Dundalk D.B. .	5	5
12. Rd. for banns, Philip Callon & N. Kirby, Dundalk .	5	5
12. Rd. for 2 banns, Richd. Lannan & Cath. Brady, Creggan	3	3
23. Rd. for 3° & 4° Consangs.—Pat. Toner & Else MaGeon, Creggan	8	1½
30. Rd. for banns—Felimy McCabe & Cath McShein, Creggan; Dr. 2. 2.;	3	3
26. Rd. banns—Patt McShein & Mary Myers, Dundalk .	5	5
20. Rd. banns—Jas McDonell & Catt Murphy, Dundalk .	5	5
20. Jas Brady's boy & Morgan's girl, Dundalk, Dr. 5. 5.		

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4. Brigidam Breen & Joannem Gernon, D.B.; pres. par.	3	3
5. Owen Martin & Cath Coleman, D.B.; pres. par. .	3	3

	£	s.	d.
7. Rd. Banns—Patt Mooney & Mary Worters, Forkhill		3	3
10. Jo. Murphy & Margt. Murtagh, ex meis, D.B. pros. fratribus		4	4
12. Rd. for banns—Roland White & Margt. McKeone, Cooly	2	8½	
14. do. Alex. McDonel & Rose Fedigan, Louth	5	5	
18. do. Jno. McDonel & Cath. Kirby, Dundalk	5	5	
22. do. Hugh Woods (Parlan's) & Catherine McVeigh, Creggan —	3	3	
23. do. Danl. McKevitt & Mary Smith, Cooly	3	3	
24. do. Danl. Fegan & Brigid Magrana, Forkhill	2	8½	
25. do. Jno. Rice & Margt. Ryan, Cooly .	5	5	
26. do. Cath McKenna, Creggan & Mary Conelan, Dundalk	5	5	
28. do. Jno Breenan & Brigid Bolton, Dun- dalk	5	5	
28. do. Peter Mulehana & Brigid Finigan, Forkhill	2	8½	
28. Jas Carroll & Befs. Beirn, pros. amicis			

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2. Rd. for banns—Danl. O'Heer and Annie Crawley— Mr. Thomas	5	5	
17. Rd. for banns—Peter McDonell and Margt. MaCann, Cooly	4	4	
19. do. N. McKevitt — Mr. Thomas .	10	10	
21. Recd. for banns of Mr. Henry Byrne ¹ .	2	5	6
April 7. Rd. for banns—Terence Corney and Judy Brady, Forkhill	3	3	

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April 25. Rd. for banns of Cormik Cane—Mr. Thomas' parishioner and Mary McDonel of Mr. Healy's .	4	4	
May 4. Rd. for banns of Jon Carr and Mary Maken— Mr. Quin's	2	8	
5. Rd. for 1 call of Hugh Hagen and Mary Randold— Quin's	1	7½	

¹ Henry Byrne of Castletown, Dundalk.

5.	Rd. for 3 calls—Danl. McCann and Elizabeth Maguire, Cooly	£	s.	d.
			2	8½
6.	Rd. for bans—Nicholas Trenor and Eliz. Rogan, Dundalk		2	8½
6.	do. —Bernd. Murphy, Newry & Bridgt. Mullon, Dundalk		3	9½
11.	do. . . . for 2 couple—Mr. Healy		5	5
16.	Ed. McTegart & Margt. McShein, prosentibus parentibus			
19.	Henricum Murphy & Annam Maginis, pros. par.			
19.	Rd. for banns of Hugh McKeone & Margt. Magee, Dundalk		5	5
23.	do. Jas Flanagan and Judith Callan—Mr. Boyle		5	5
24.	Dominicum Maginis & Catt Tweeth, pros. par :			
25.	Patt McCooy & N.N : pros. Pat & N. Lanan Dr. 5. 5 (paid)			
26.	Annam Carroll & Joanem Hoy : prosentibus Revdo. P. Carroll & Robt. MaKenna			
27.	Rd. for banns, Peter Wynne & Katt Keledy, Dundalk		5	5
June 1.	Rd. banns, Fras. Conry & Mary Grahams—Mr. Devitt ¹		5	5
1.	Dudly Kieran & Mary Goslin—pros. par.			
11.	Dispensed in 3° & 3° with Chas Dun & Jas Hahy, Dundalk		11	4½
15.	Disp. in 3° & 3° with John Murphy and Cath Colins do		11	4½
15.	Rd. banns of Patt McShain Creggan & Catt O'Neil, Mr. Healy		3	9½
20.	do Hugh Barkace & Mary Curragher—Mr. Devitt, Creggan		5	5
22.	do Jon Campbel & Anne Low, Cooly		2	8½
29.	do Thos. Martin & Elenor Warren, Dundalk		5	5
29.	Catt Corgan & Thomam Faulkner de Dunleer		3	3
27.	Mariam Maginis et Joannem Finigan de Aneskeen.		5	5

July

1.	Rd. banns—Brian McArdle, Dundalk & Margt. Hamel, Louth		2	8½
23.	do Patt Mullegan de Eniskeen & Mariam Coulton, Dundalk		5	5

¹ Evidently an assistant priest in the parish.

	£	s.	d.
27. Rd. banns—Thos. Jourdan & Elina Foran, Cooly .		3	3
30. do, & 3 ^o & 4 ^o —Owen Murphy & Ellise Brannan (Healy)		II	4½
Aug. 6. Rd. banns—Jon Campbel & Margt. O'Hier—Mr. Devitt's		2	8½
12. Rd., banns—Law McArdle & Else Clerian—Mr. Quins		4	4
12. Patt Quin & Elenor Brady of Mr. Quin Dr. 5. 5			
14. Rd. banns, Billy Little & Sarah Murphy—Mr. Boyle		5	5
17. do Judith Raverty & Hugh Donelly—Mr. Mony's		2	8½
19. do Girdony Coultan & Margt. Murphy, Dundalk		5	5
21. do Patt Richard, ex meis, & Bridget Casey, Dundalk		5	5
21. do Andrew Finigan & Ann Kelly, Louth .		2	8½
23. do Sara MacCaye & Jon. Magrana of Mr. Hanlon ² Creggan		3.	3
23. Cattm. Watters ex meis & Pat Kearny, pros. par. .			
24. Rd. banns—Lau. McRoy & Anne Gregory, Creggan		5	5
24. Mr. Quinn. Dr. for couple 2. 8½			
25. Rd. for banns—Patt Murry, Creggan, & Anne Darcy, McArdle		4	10½
27. Rd. for 2 banns—Thos. Fagen & Anne Clarke—Mr. Boyle		2	8½
28. Rd. for 3 do—Eugenium Quin & Margt. McKenna (Moony)		3	3
31. Rd. for banns—Michl. Roger, Dundalk & Anne McGahan, Louth		5	5
7br. 1. Rd. for banns of a couple, Dundalk		3	3
9. Rd. banns—Hugh Casfidy & Margt. Casey, Louth .		4	4
17. do —Jos Casfidy & Elenor Gilmer, Dundalk .		5	5
27. Saram O'Neil & Thomam Smith, Cloherensem, disp bannis a proprio Epo. prosentibus parentibus .			
8br. 3. Rd. banns of a couple, Dundalk		5	5
6. Rd. bans, Owen Maginis, Mr. Thomas & Cath Praye, Cooly		4	4
10. Rd. for Hugh Jonson & Mary Quigly of Louth, Matt Carrol. Dr.		2	8½

² Appointed P.P. after Dr. Quinn's death.

11. Dispensed with Thos. Maginis of Boyle's & Cath Kieran, Louth Dr. 2. 8½	£	s.	d.
		2	8½
11. Rd. for banns, Michael Lurcan, Dundalk		5	5
18. Rd. for banns, Matthew Inglisby & Margt. Byrne of Mr. Thomas		5	5
16. Rd. banns, Pat Trenor & Rose Mulhallan—Boyle's		5	5
IXber 4. Paid Dr. Blake £10 . 4 . 9			

	£10	10	0
8. Rd. banns, Francis Callaghan & Cicity Dreenan, Creggan		3	3
9. do Edmd. Kelly & Sara Murphy, Creggan		3	3
9. do Matt Maginis & Betty Winn—Mr. Boyle		5	5
9. Rd. 2 banns—Matt Fearan & Else Roark of Mr. Devitt		2	2
9. Banns—Dr. for Cath Duffy & Murtagh Burns	3	3	
12. Rd. banns—Bernd. McMahon & Cath Carroll, Cooly		2	8½
12. Annam Lainin & Patt Hamel, Dundalk, prosentibus meis			
15. Mariam Conohu & Jacobum Lanan de Faughert prosentibus parentibus			
16. Rd. for 3 banns Denis Deery, Drogheda, & Agnes Duffy, Dundalk		4	4
16. Rd. banns—Law Murphy (mine) & Mary Ledish, Dundalk		2	8½
17. do Andrew Conolan & Briggitt Calon, Dundalk		5	5
22. do Terence Lorkan & Nolly Ronnaghan, Creggan		3	3
23. Rd. 2 banns—Wm Campbell of Mr. Clinton & Anne Meehan—Wall		2	8½
24. Rd. for 3 banns—Patt Hamell & Mary Mathews, Dundalk		5	5
29. Rd. banns—Redmond Hanlon & Mary Lurcan, Cooly		3	3
30. do & 4° & 4°—Patt & Mary Coleman—Mr. Dowd's		5	5
Xbr. 2. Rd. banns—Jas McCoy & Peggy Byrne, Creggan		4	4
2. Rd. banns—Patt Hanlon & Elenor Duffy, Dundalk		2	8½
2. do —Terence Murry & Eliz. Cooney—Boyle		2	8½
5. „ Patt Heeny & Mary Murphy, Faughert		5	5
8. do. Robert Vardon, Cooly & Margt. McKeone—Downey		3	3
12. do. Christy Kearney & Brigit. Maguire, Cooly		3	3

	£	s.	d.
13. Rd. banns—Jas Morris & Catt Garvey, Creggan .		3	3
13. do. Marks McEvoy, Ldship, ¹ & Brig. McCan, Cooly		3	3
14. do. —Michl. Conolan, Creggan & Catt Maginis ; McArdle		3	3
16. do. —Bryn Murphy & Else Murry, Dundalk .		5	5
16. do. —N. Cleen & N. Terroll—Dundalk .		3	3
18. do. Hugh Cunningham & Mary McDonnell, Cooly		3	3
21. do. —Jas Hirrill, Cooly & Mary Mullin— Downey		3	3
24. do. —Henry Byrne & Margt. Lambe—Dowd's	11	4	$\frac{1}{2}$
26. do. —Law Furdan & Mary McBride—Downey		3	3
27. do. Roger Magee & Eliz. Cunningham Dr. 2. 2 ; Creggan		3	3

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1. Rd. banns—Owen McCaveny & Brig. Quin, Cooly.	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. Denis Coleman & Easter Murphy, presentibus multis			
5. Rd. banns. Matt Hanley, Forkhil & Cicily Timony, Faughart	4	10	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. do Ricdi. Carroll & Brigidie Burk de Cooly .	3	3	
6. do Joann. Kearney & Eliz. Grant. Cooly .	2	2	
6. do Bernd. McShein, Creggan ; & Cath Grant, Forkhil	4	4	
10. Disp. with Cath Durnin & Will Fiddy (Dowd's) .	2	2	
10. Rd. banns—Edmd. Brown & Margt. White (Downey's)	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
10. do Peter Matthews & Pegy McDonnel (Markey's)	3	3	
11. do Cath Byrne (Wall's) & Bartle Morice (Markey's)	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
11. do. Owen Boyle & Agnes McEtee (Downey's)	3	3	
11. do. Will Linnan & Susanna Clessin of Collan.	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
12. do. Susanna Trenor (Downey's)	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
14. Disp. in Banns Phill Maguire & Jane Dromgold— Mr. Wall's	5	5	

¹ Lordship Parish, between Dundalk and Cooley.

	£	s.	d.
14. Disp. in Banns—Tom Garett & Margt. Conoly, Dundalk	5	5	
18. D. B. John Raverty & Rose Fagan, Creggan	3	3	
24. D. B. Jas MaCullen & Mary Coogan, Clogher	3	3	
25. D. B. John Condragh, Termonfeckin & Margt. Marry, Clogher	3	3	
25. Rd. from Jon Murphy & Mary Dullaghan, Cooly	3	3	
27. Rd. from Henry Bird & Margt. Daw of Mr. Downey	3	3	
28. Disp. for Jas Andrews & Mary Ward—Markey	3	3	
29. „ „ Denis Commins & Mary Doland—Mr. Wall's. Dr. 5. 5.			
31. Disp. for Terence Quin & Sara Hier—Mr. Devitt	3	3	
Feb. 2. Disp. for Jas McKevitt & Mary Morgan—Downey	3	3	
„ 2. „ „ N. Heeney of Faughert & Rose Lennon, Dundalk	5	5	
„ 3. Disp in 2 banns—John Rice Loughgilly and Catherine Hanlon—Mr. Devitt	2	2	
Feb. 5. Disp. Pat Daily & Bridget Carolan (Dowd's)	5	5	
Feb. 6. Disp—Owen Morgan & Mary Quin (Downey)	3	3	
	£10	3	8
6. Disp. in 3 Banns. Brian Finigan & Mary Morgan Kilseran	5	5	
7. „ „ 2 Banns—Terence Quin & Anne Boyle—Devitt	2	2	
8. „ „ do —Pat Ward & Rose Quinn, Creggan	2	2	
8. „ „ do —Law Kieran & Joan Cunningham (Wall)	2	2	
8. „ „ 3 Banns—Owen Roark, Cooly & Nellie Murphy, Faughart	2	8½	
12. „ do —Mary Gartlany & Andrew Callan (Dowd)	5	5	
12. Disp. do.—Hugh Corgan & Mary Madden (Boyle)	3	3	
13. do —Will Carney (Markey) & Catt McGill (Dowd)	3	3	
13. do —Matt Dunn & Mary Kelly, Dundalk	4	4	
13. do —Dan Myers (mine) & Eliz McShein, Ddalk.	2	8½	
15. do —Hugh McGrane & Nellie Calon, Louth	5	5	
15. Disp banns—Owen O'Neill & Catt Boyle, Cooley	3	3	
15. D.B. Peter Long & Br. Boyle do	2	8½	

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15. D.B. Neal Finigan & Mary Thornton, Cooly (Dr. 3 3)	£	s.	d.
15. D.B. Ed. Hart & Eliz Murphy (Hanlon's)	.	2	8½
15. D.B. Felix Carragher & Peggy Garvey (Hanlon's)	.	3	3
15. D.B. Cormik McRoy & Nellie Dowd, Faughart	.	3	3
16. D.B. Ml. Dermott & Cath Dermott, Dundalk	.	3	3
16. D.B. Pat Valdón & Margt. Rice—Wall. Dr. 2 8½	.		
16. D.B. Pat Duffy & Bridget Farrelly—Dowd's	.	5	5
29. D.B. Joe Carberry & Betty Murphy—Healy's	.	3	3

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9. D.B. Pat MaGee (Boyle) & Mary Campbell(Louth).	.	3	3
10. D.B. Mch Larrissey & Margt. Darragh, Cooly	.	2	2
14. D.B. Pat McShein & Mary Smith (Healy)	.	2	8½
14. D.B. Art Toal & Brigt. McShery (Mr. Devitt's)	.	5	5
21. D.B. Brian Fearon & Rose O'Neil (Devitt's)	.	2	2
25. D.B. Jno McMahon & Judith McShein, Louth	.	2	8½

April

4. D.B. Ed Magee & Mary Roark, Cooly	.	2	8½
5. D.B. Peter McGeon & Bridget Finigan (Downey)	.	3	3
5. D.B. Terence Haughey, Dundalk & Mary Calón, Cooly	.	5	5
6. D.B. Francis Doran & Rose McGuigan, Cooly	.	3	3
8. Disp Banns. Margt. Roddy & Pat Magrane, Ddalk.	.	2	8½
9. D.B. Jas MacCourt & Bridget Quigli do	.	4	4
11. D.B. Jno Lynch & Eliz Quorkans (Dowd)	.	5	5
12. D.B. Catt Donnelly, Cooly	.	3	3
12. D.B. Owen McEvoy & Margt. Kavanagh, Faughart	.	4	4
13. D.B. Ml. Gregory (mine) & Ann McTeggart, Dundalk	.	2	8½
20. D.B. Catt Murray & Catt Laracy (McGrane's) Dr. 3 3	.		
21. D.B. Denis Hinchy & Mary Hier, Dundalk	.	5	5
21. D.B. Jas Muckian & Eliz. McCinly, Faughart	.	4	4
22. D.B. Dan Sands & Cicily Connolly (Devitt)	.	2	2
May 2. D.B. Bernard Kieran Faughart & Catt McArdle (Mr. Downey)	.	4	4

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4. D.B. Frás McShein, Killeevy & Mary Quin, Dundalk	.	4	4
6. D.B. Owen McDonnell & Mary Casey, Louth	.	2	8½
7. D.B. Art McCuarta & Brigt. Small, Cooly	.	3	3
7. D.B. Wm. Gerarty, Dundalk & Peg McGinnis (Markey)	.	3	3

	£	s.	d.
16. D.B. Patt McMahon, Mucna, ¹ & Dan Smith, Creggan		3	3
18. D.B. Matt Herevan, ex meis, & Catt Conoly, Dundalk		2	8½
20. D.B. Ed McGinis Lochgilly & Margt. Hanlon, Cooly		2	8½
23. D.B. Jas Byrne & Mary Halpenny (Markey)		3	3
24. D.B. Nich Kelly (Boyles') & Margery Walsh (Clinton)		2	2
31. D.B. N. Morgan & N. Kieran Dundalk		2	8½
31. D.B. Peter Barry (Healy) & Catt Thornton (Davitt)		2	8½
	£1	13	0½
	6	17	7
	8	10	7½

June

2. Owen McShein & Rose Dermott, pres parentibus	3	3
2. D.B. Jas O'Heir & Ann Roark, Dundalk	3	3
4. D.B. Patt Martin & Maria Kelledy, Ddalk	3	3
4. D.B. Michl. Linn & Eliz Doyle (Dowd)	3	3
5. D.B. Jon Brannan & Ann Kieran, Louth	3	3
10. D.B. Owen Lennan & Margt. Quorkan (Dowd's)	3	3
10. D.B. Lau Ward & Rose Campbel (Markey's)	3	3
10. D.B. Hugh McKeone (Downey's) & Catt Kelly, Creggan	3	3
12. D.B. Patt Lawell & Mary Conohu, Creggan.	5	5
12. D.B. Michl. Kane, Louth & Brigt. Fagan (Dowd's)	5	5
19. Catty Kieran & John McGurgan, Ardee, D.B.	5	5
20. D.B. Pat Smith & Bridget Coningham, Louth	2	8½
29. D.B. Pat Cool, Dromore & Rose Loughran (Devitt).	5	5
July 1. D.B. Pat Rooney & Catt Durnin, Louth	2	8½
2. D.B. Brian Murphy Cooly & Mary Kinehan (Downey)	5	5
2. D.B. Thos. Morgan & Margt. Murphy—Mr. Thomas	2	8½
5. D.B. Bernd. Daily & Bridgt. Connolly (Mr. Woods, Creggan) Dr. 5 . 5		
16. D.B. Neal McGuill & Mary McKeone—Mr. Hanlon's	3	9½
19. D.B. Owen Laverty & Catt Callaghan (Woods)	5	5
22. D.B. Mary Beirn, Killanny, & Geo King, Louth	3	3
30. D.B. Wm. Tipping & Margt. Kane, Dundalk	3	3
31. Brigidam Coleman & Thomam McNeany, D. Bannis		
Aug. 1. D.B. (2) John O'Heir, Newry, & Mary O'Heir (Devitt's)	2	8½

¹ Mucna, official name of Castleblayney parish.

	£	s.	d.
2. D.B. N. Connolan, Louth, and Eliz Connolly (Boyle)	2	2	
2. Recd. for do—Agnes Marmion (Thomas)	2	8½	
4. Margt. Kieran & Matt Kieran, Louth, D.B..	5	5	
6. D.B. Art Kinahan (Downey) & Catt Hagan, Cooly	3	3	
6. D.B. N. MaGinnis & Jean Halpenny (Devitt's)	5	5	
7. D.B. Miles McDonald & Cecily Corr (Devitt's)	3	3	
8. D.B. Ml. McSorley, Killevi & Mary Lyndan, Mr. McCoy	3	3	
9. D.B. Jas McCabe, Creggan & Eliz Kerley of Louth	2	8½	
11. D.B. Gildony McElroy Creggan & Eliz Lavins, Ter- monfeckin	2	8½	
11. Catt McCooey & Henry Smith, Enniskeen			
13 D.B. John Hagan & Eliz. Duffy (Downey's)	3	3	
16. D.B. Hugh Hanlon & Catt Rice Cooly	2	8½	
16. D.B. Jas McDonnell & Ann Dowdall, Cooly.	2	8½	
16. D.B. Owen Finigan & Anne Murphy, Cooly (Mr. Kenna)	2	8½	
16. D.B. Ed Carragher & Mary Farrell, Dundalk	4	4	
20. D.B. Guidith Kirk & Patt Byrne of Louth	2	2	
21. D.B. Patt White & Rose Duffy (Hanlon) Creggan	4	4	
22. D.B. Peter McDermott & Catt Trenor (Downey)	3	3	
22. D.B. Patt Dullaghan & Catt McNealty, Cooly	3	3	
22. D.B. Pat Rice (Downey's) & Catt Elmore, Cooly (Kieran)	3	3	
23. D.B. Wm. Sharkey & Margt. Corran, Cooly (Kieran)	3	3	
23 D.B. Thos. Lappan & Gean McCourt, Dundalk	4	4	
29. D.B. Michl. Mortin & Rose O'Brien, Dundalk	2	8½	
30. D.B. Thos. Campbell & Rose Callon, Eniskeen	5	5	
30 D.B. Brian Hamel, Louth & Mary Tiernan, Cregan.	2	8½	
7br 1. D.B. Neal Brannan & Anne Cummusky, Cregan	3	3	
2. D.B. Hugh Donnelly & Elinor Duffy, Cregan	5	5	
7 D.B. Bernd. Boyle & Rose Connel, Cooly	3	3	
12. D.B. Patt Quin (Maguire's) & Catt McParlan (Healy)	3	3	
14. D.B. Patt Muckian (Branagan's) & Mary O'Neal, Creggan	2	8½	
14. D.B. Jas Dun & Mary Hart, Dundalk	3	3	
21. D.B. Ml. McSherry & Bt. Murphy (Downey's)	3	3	
25. Bernd. Hanlon & Betty Maguire prosentibus Ed. Maley & Brigida Fitzpatrick D.B.	5	5	
	£9	5	3

	£	s.	d.
8br. 2. D.B. (3) Pat Sheil & Rose Lurkan, Cooly .		5	5
4. D.B. Jno Dowlan (Dowd's) & Mary (of Mr. Clinton's)	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. D.B. Catt Lappan & Elinor Cullin (Healy's) .		5	5
7. D.B. Bernd. Conner & Ann Magragh, Cooly .	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. D.B. Jas Flin (Downey's) & Anne Roody, Cooly .	3	3	
8. Dispensed 2 calls—Owen Lurcan & Catt Maginnis (Devitt's)		2	2
10. D.B. (3) Henry Campbell & Brigid Rice, Faughart .	3	3	
11. D.B. Michl. McRoy & Mary Kallaghan do .	5	5	
13. D.B. Owen Hanratty & Ann Taaffe, Louth .	5	5	
14. D.B. Nich McNealty & Margt. Rooney (Boyle) .	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
16. D.B. Roger & Sara Murphy, Creggan .	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
16. Thomam Carroll & Rosam Breenan, pres. amicus .			
17. Disp. 2 banns—Brian McKenny (Thomas) & Mary Murphy (Devitt)		2	2
18. D.B. Chas. McShein & Catty Loy, Creggan .	3	3	
19. D.B. Thos. Lamb, D'dalk & Bridget White (Kieran)	3	3	
19. D.B. Jno Dullaghan & Mary McShane, Cooly .	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
19. D.B. Patt Murphy & Ann Finigan (Branagan's) .	2	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
19. D.B. Brian Hanlon, Dromore, & Rose White (Devitt's)		2	2
21. Dispensed by Mr. Carrol, Nicholas Long's daughter, Carlinford			
23. Disp. by do. & married, Brian Kelly of Boyle's & Margt. McKiver (my own)		4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
24. Disp by do. Bryan Morgan & Bridget Breen, Creggan	4	4	
24. D by do. Edmond Murtagh & Margt Kildea, Creggan	5	5	
26 D. by do. Hugh Savage & Honora McCan, Cooly .	3	3	
IXber. 1. Disp. in 3 banns Patt Connelly & Margt. Fair- field, Dundalk		5	5
1. D.B. Michl. Magee & Peggy Murphy, Cooly .	4	4	
2. D.B. Jas. Farrell & Ann Murphy do .	3	3	
2. Annam Fagan & Joannem Connolly; pres. amicus .			
4. D.B. Francis McKenna & Rose Duffy, Cooly Dr. 5 5			
8. D.B. David Murphy & Anne Maginnis (Devitt's) .	3	3	
8. D.B. Thos. Conolan (mine) & Judy Trenor, Louth .	2	2	
8. D.B. Owen Feran & Mary McCann, Cooly .	3	3	
8. D B Patt Roark & Ann McManus, Cooly .	3	3	
11. Paid Dr. Blake 13 guineas	£14	15	9
13. D.B. Nich Daily (Boyle's) & Margt. Red (Louth) .	3	3	

14. D.B. Thos. Couraghan (mine) & Mary Taaffe (Clinton's) Dr. 5 . 5	£	s.	d.
14. D.B. Jno Kaue (Devitt's) & Anne McKeveitt (Thomas)		4	4
17. D.B. Jas McElvoy (Heary's) & Br. Coommy, Creggan		3	3
18. D.B. Ed Mathews & Mary Murphy, Louth		4	4
20. D.B. Pat McKenna & Elenor Morgan (Downey's)		3	3
20. D.B. Pat Murhuan & Mary Owens, Creggan		2	8½
21. D.B. Jas Morris & Anne Lamb, Creggan		3	3
21. D.B. Pat Mahon & Sara Kelly, Creggan		3	3
21. D.B. Antony Rooney & Else Kelly, Creggan.		2	2
21. D.B. Pat Rice (Downey's) & Rose Trenor (Thomas)		4	4
23. D.B. Hugh Muckian, Dromore & Mary Hughs, D'dalk		2	8½
24. D.B. Jno Casey & Anne Lamb, Dundalk		3	3
24. D.B. Pat Murphy & Margt. Clarke (Mr. Thomas)		3	3
26. D.B. Jon Finigan & Mary Clark, Louth		4	4
29. D.B. Neel Gallaher & Catt Connelly (Downey's)		3	3
Xbr. 5. D.B. Lau Murphy & Margt. Fleming (Boyle's)		2	8½
5. D.B. Chas Grant (D'dalk) & Mary McArdle, Creggan		5	5
5. D.B. Matt King & Sara Morgan, Faughart		5	5
10. D.B. Patt McKenna, Louth & Catt Callon (Dowd's)		2	8½
10. D.B. Pat Maken, Louth & Eliz Tonor, Creggan		3	3
12. D.B. Owen Calon & Mary Rice (Downey's)		2	8½
12. D.B. Owen Trenor & Mary Sharp (Downey's)		2	8½
12. D.B. Brian Ginatti & Catt Carroll (Downey's)		2	8½
13. Mat Sharkey & Mary Cranny, pres. amicis			
13. Margaritam Woods & Terentium Boyle de Louth			
14. D.B. Francis MacEvoy & Genny Welsh, Creggan		3	3
16. D.B. Jon Devlin & Margt. McKitrick (McKevett's)		3	3
17. D.B. Thos. Trenor & Catt Murphy (Cooly)		3	3

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27. D.B. Wm. Holland (Dowd's) & Elizabeth Hanlon (Dowd's)		3	3
28. D.B. Catt Boyle & Judeth McCann, Cooly		3	3
28. D.B. Jas Byrne & Elizabeth Cook, Louth		3	3
29. D.B. Own Finigan & Sara Mulhallan (Downey's)		3	3

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LIST OF CANONS WHO ASSEMBLED AT A MEETING IN DUNDALK,
19TH MAY, 1761

Nicholas Devine, Archdeacon
James Madden, Chancellor
Lawrence Taaffe, Chanter
Philip Levins, Treasurer
Nicholas Markey, Canon
Thomas Carroll, Canon
Terence Ignatius Quinn, Canon

LIST OF CANONS AND PASTORS OF THE DISTRICT WHO ASSEMBLED
AT A MEETING IN DUNDALK, MAY 2ND, 1764

Philip Levins, Treasurer of the Chapter, P.P. Ardee
Laurence Taaffe, Chanter, &c., &c. P.P. Hagerstown
Terence Quinn, Chanter, &c. P.P. Creggan
John Coleman. Pastor of Louth
Edward Boyle. Pastor of Dromiskin
Francis McArdell. Pastor in Killenins
Hugh Mooney. Pastor of Upper Faughard
Michael Healy. P.P. of Killewins
Peter Carroll. Deservitor of Dundalk
Patrick McKenna. Pastor of Carlingford.

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EXTRACTS CONCERNING SOME OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PRIESTS
FROM MS. IN R.I.A.

ΔΗ ΤΑΥΤΑΙΡ ΣΕΔΞΑΝ Ο ΗΑΝΛΙΑΝ

ΔΙΤ ΜΑC CΟΒΤΑΙΞ ΡΟ-ΕΑΝ

Revd. John O'Hanlon, D.D., P.P. Creggan, in County Armagh, was a descendant of the princely family of O'Hanlon of Oirghialla, and a gentleman of great learning and exemplary piety. He was one of those clergymen who won the affections of his people by his mild and unassuming demeanour, and the bard, in the following verses pays a tribute of high respect to his piety and worth. It may probably be drawn as a contrast between him and the Revd. Mr. Quinn—"Mac 'Naois Ui Choinne na ccluigin" who was the bard's persecutor.

Á méic Éadmoimio ruair, a páerclain an tfluaig
 So mbeirio tu-ra buair ann gac aic le ceim
 Mar maoire eus fluaigte éirio an mhuir Ruair
 Cum a rsgailead ruar uad n-galraib léuin
 Bío an tír-re faoi ghuaim 'r san dúil le ar bfuargailt
 O cuirlead an ra tuamba Mac Aoða buide Uí Néill
 So dtáinic an tuactaran ciallaig rtuama
 De éreib na huairle de puiom-flioct Saoðail

Bío eclipir a' r oluam air an teampoll, monuair!
 So dtáinic air cuairt an Gáirioian Seaşan;
 Na caoirige 'sa ruagad faoi dívean na nuad-gall
 Ais tréigbeal a nuan 'r san fáil fo'n tréuo
 Gabam órda so rnuadmar o ceartuib cruada
 'Sa ádarao ruar as Gáinne maol
 No gur éirgíó an uair-rí o rínió anuar
 Mac amra o' fuarcail cáe ar a bpein

A famail ní luairótear a gcarraig no dtuataib
 O ceartuib uainn guair na mban-gléac réig
 Coirín 'r cuaca a' r cannaio 'sa ruagad
 Sé ir mian leir an uactaran gíadac Seaşan
 Na bocta do fuarcailt ir teirce 'n-am cruadótanair
 Mar lopeb le fluaigtió Canaan so leir
 'S do gnióteann re taire le truaige mar tuilte glar uaitne
 As teact gairm na gcuac 'n-uair fáfar an feúr

Tá leico¹ reo ruar as tréigbeal a cómaet
 'S le lúiblee a fuair rinne fíor-act of space
 A' r buó meara bíó cuairne a bpaigveanair duainte
 'Na na treabha tugad ruar so Babylon faoi éreup
 Aet Nineveh buó uairrige gcaair rin ra fluaigte
 Gur iompadair le fuagra míc Rochel so leir
 Ir mur rin dí-rí an uair-rí, óir bíó a ballaróe buada
 O érom rí-rí o'n uacthar le crábad an Aetir Seaşan

Táio rrota de'n fuil uactaraige as lapaó éirio an uair-rí
 De éreib na ríig ro-buadótata áro-flac a' r cleir
 Ó Dongaile buó ruailceac air fait a mearc na fluaş mear,
 De'n triol a rsgabad uad-ran, ríúo gáinne de'n déir;

¹ Creggan.

na faoiltear lib sup cluaintóir, no bpaigheas boét a fuair ríob
 A lionfeas cirte a nuailib, 'r san faoiréad do don;
 Aét níg peactmair, rtuama, san baor, san épaor, san uacthar
 A'p bíó lic a oTeamair uactrae a gairfead leir fein

Shníótear easlaipise, monuair! de na treabhaib nae duat
 Beir na sceanfoirt fluaris, no arduighe a scéim;¹
 'S as pillead dóib anuar o na colairtib ir uactaraighe
 Tuiceann ríad 'ra éruar o'r faradair fein;
 Ní hionann ar ngusire flaitéamail rtuama
 A rhabad air na fluaristib na máoma réuo
 Sliocht Colla shníótead tuarsgom a scairib na scrudóilann
 Mar éoéar na móir-puas as ár-o-cup béiróm

REVD. LAWRENCE TAAFFE

Arthur MacCooly was a gardener by trade, but was chiefly attached to Owen O'Neill, Esq. of Toprass in Co. Louth, as bard or family Ollamh and was last of that class of celebrated men who were thus retained in Ireland. He lived all his life in Creggan with the exception of some short time during which he was put out of the pale of the Church by the Revd. Dr. Quinn, P.P. of Creggan because he satirised his sister, Miss Quinn, in the humorous verses known as *Maire Caoe*, during which time he strayed to Howth and obtained employment in Lord Howth's gardens. It was here that he composed *Air Druac Beinn Éirí*. He was, however, restored by the intervention of Very Revd. Dr. Lawrence Taaffe, P.P., V.G. Kilcurley, who laid him under the obligation of restoring the young lady's character as far as he was able, and the beautiful song, *Cúlfiann Ní Cuinne*, was the means adopted for that end.

REVD. FATHER QUINN, P.P. CREGGAN

After the death of Revd. Phelim, usually styled Revd. Sir Phelim O'Neill, his successor in the parish of Creggan was considered by the parishioners to be rather severe with regard to the collection of Christmas and Easter dues, which probably was owing to the fact

¹ Probably there is reference here to Fr. O'Hanlon's predecessor, Dr. Quinn.

and MacDermott families and to voice his triumph over Dr. Bellew's enemies in Dundalk :—

Atdá Dealgán áro fá tpráé reo coinrgleoióte
 le fáilte a gcoinne. 'n Dé-mic
 A ceangal a páirt le bainríogán Neime
 A'r gárvaióe aingeal leiti
 An Beilleogac áluinn cráibíteac tuigread
 Atdá lán de gac oirdeir a'r léiginn maite,
 Noé fuair o'n pápa na gápa úo pdeavair
 Mar pártuairc a nliur Éireann

Ir roéar óuinn cuairt an Cuainne oíl
 De píol tréan-rígtib Éireann
 O íarlaib luigmairge 'rna o'píuáa timceall
 Siar go Cruacán Meadóa
 Clann Diarmuóda¹ o tuairó 'ra ngíuáda air lapaó
 Gac uair mar an gac gneine
 Ar Dhanaió² na gcuac tuis buair le portún
 Air cuairtuáó tairt na réuguin

Níl tír no cuan, cuairt no cairiol
 Nar riubal a gaoilte a neireacé
 Go párrtear a gcuairt gan gíuaim 'r go Maóru,
 Ir teann iao fóir a Venice
 'San Róim le buairó air ríuaim a'r eagna
 Ta tain na gcuáó tréiteac
 A'r éugao anuair moccuairt a o'tairdeal
 Ar riar go ooirrib páága

B'i an oitce reo, lá, 'r buó lairib an cine
 Go o'tainic an rmoitac leioméac
 Paóí na tígearaió ároa nar ártaió a gceirtoim
 A'r o'fás an cairleán véanta
 Naé claoiróte an cáir o'u'n ríuaine pí
 Uaó lár na ppoáa ceáona
 Búr na tráill a paóa anoir
 Sup éain do téac na ntiarig ann

¹ The MacDermotts of Thomastown.

² The Byrnes of Liberty Hall, Castletown, one of whom, in 1780, was exiled by the Government.

Ní'l rí g na tpiat de Clannaid Míle d'gáinn¹
 'Sní dírbíom, Salla Saedálad '
 No Danair uairle, ' nac saol do'n cupad
 De raib a scoisib éirionn
 Ir dpaol 'rír ruad é a scpuar sac eagna
 A' r fóf a dteasapc naomtáct
 'S na claoitche an suair buabluad Cloinne bulcan²
 Cuairne a cup da éluigad !

¹ Through the MacDermotts and Byrnes, he was of Milesian descent. through the Bellews he traced back to the Normans, and through the Taaffes and Plunketts he could claim to be of Danish ancestry.

² Fr. Carroll's father was a blacksmith.

MISCELLANEA VATICANO-HIBERNICA

(e *Tabulario S. Cong. Concilii*,)

RELATIONES STATUS.

THE papers printed below are taken from the Archive of the CONGREGATION OF THE COUNCIL, which is housed in rather out-of-the-way quarters over the Etruscan Museum in a set of rooms behind the apse that looks down on the garden of the *Pigna*.

This Congregation was instituted by Pius IV in 1564 to enforce the observance of the disciplinary decrees of the Council of Trent; in 1585 its powers were extended by Sixtus V to the interpretation of the Trent decrees; and in progress of time other functions were added, *e.g.*, the revision of the decrees of provincial Councils, questions affecting diocesan residence, cases of appeal from inferior tribunals, the matter of ecclesiastical immunity, and last, but not least, the hearing and examination of the *Relatio Status* made periodically on the occasion of the Visit *ad Limina* rendered obligatory by Sixtus V in 1585.

A much larger number than a score of such reports from Irish dioceses might have been expected; but the scarcity is readily accounted for, if one but remembers the circumstances of the times—the difficulty of communication, the danger of documents being intercepted, the slender resources which a bishop of the period had at his disposal, the fewness of bishops in Ireland during most of the century-and-a-half subsequent to the Sistine decree, the dispensations frequently granted on account of the calamitous times, the fact that reports were often sent to Propaganda rather than to the Council, desuetude introduced by a variety of considerations, and to some extent perhaps because a verbal report was sufficient in the case of bishops making the *Ad Limina* visit in person. At the same time it should be observed that as the Archive of the Council is none too easy of access, and as the official who had the power of

the keys thereof did not err on the side of generosity in the matter of facilities for consultation, the possibility of other reports coming to light is by no means excluded, though the probability of this happening may be regarded as sufficiently remote.

It may be useful to future explorers to know that in addition to the section containing the *Relationes Status*, there is a much larger section consisting of some 7,000 huge MS. volumes called *Sessiones* and *Positioes*, containing the documents bearing on every doubt, difficulty and contentious case brought before the Congregation in connection with the interpretation and observance of the decrees of Trent. Among these 7,000 volumes there is doubtless some material relating to Irish affairs, particularly in matters contentious, but hardly in such quantity as would repay systematic search. The only case that came under notice was the old bone of contention between Tuam and Galway, tried by the Council at the instance of Archbishop O'Queely, about 1638.

J. HAGAN.

Irish College, Rome.

DUBLIN,* 1619.

Clausula epistolae Archiepiscopi Dublinen. Dⁿⁱ. Eugenii Matthaei Anglice scriptae, qua rogat fr. Lucam Waddingum sacrae Theologiae professorem in Urbe, in aede d. Petri in monte aureo commorantem, ut pro se visitet limina Apostolorum et Dublinen. ecclesiae rationem Smo. Dno. reddat :—

“Rogo te ut te praesentare velis coram D. Cardinali Protectore † ad reddendam rationem suae Sanctitati pro me et pro mea Ecclesia ; sicut in meis litteris suae Illmae Dominationi insinuavi, quod propter molestias et impedimenta non possim ipse illuc ire aut alium quempiam illuc mittere ex meo capitulo aut ex meo clero, te ad hoc munus assignavi ; cui poteris declarare persecutiones nostrae patriae et specialiter meae ecclesiae, quia est praecipua residentia protestantium et haeticorum, et quas vexationes egomet ipse prae aliis patior, ita quod non possim secure per duas noctes sub eisdem domibus

* Eugene Matthews, appointed, May 2, 1611 ; d. 1623.

† Card. Verallus.

delitescere. Hanc curam tibi committo ad implendum iuramentum quo praelati ecclesiarum nos obstringimus ad visitandam Sedem Apostolicam vel per nos vel per alios quolibet quadriennio, ut nostri et ecclesiarum rationem reddamus."

Et ego fr. Lucas Waddingus attestor et fidem facio hanc translationem Latinam concordare cum originali Anglico ipsius epistolae, quae apud me remanet, quam si necessarium fuerit praesentabo ei ostendam Dominis Congregationis, quandocumque suis illius Dominationibus placuerit. In cuius testimonium nomen meum subscripsi in aede S. Petri in Monte aureo, III Kalend. Novembris ann. 1620.

Fr. Lucas Waddingus

Hibernus Theologiae professor.

III^{mi}. et R^{mi}. Sig^{ri}.

L'Archivescovo di Dublino espone humilmente alle SSrie. VV. Illme. et Rme. come essendo il clero, religiosi, et altri ecclesiastici della sua diocesi posta fra gli infedeli talmente perseguitati da quelli heretici, che non possono se non nascostamente attendere al culto divino, non ha per bene di abbandonare la cura di quell'anime, et non havendo alcun frutto della sua Chiesa se non poche elemosine con le quali si sostenta, et ancora per il pericolo manifesto che c'è invenire per li heretici che stanno in tutt'i i porti maritimi, non puol venire in persona ne mandare altri a posta a sodisfare al debito di visitare i sacri limini conforme alla costituzione della sa: me; di Sisto et anco al proprio giuramento già fattone: Per tanto supplica le Srie. VV Illme. et Rme. si degnino concederli che possi per questa volta visitare per mezzo del Procuratore fra Luca Guaddino di quello regno, existente in Curia, Che lo riceverà a grazia singolare delle SSrie. VV. Illme. et Rme. Quas Deus, etc.

RATIO QUAM PRO PERILLUSTRI ET RMO. D. EUGENIO MATTHEO ARCHIEPO DUBLINEN. ET SUA ECCLESIA IN PROVINCIA LAGENIAE IN HIBERNIA CONSTITUTA REDDIT FRATER LUCAS WADDINGUS HIBERNUS WATERFORDIENSIS SACRAE THEOLOGIAE PROFESSOR IN CONVENTU SCTI. PETRI IN MONTE AUREO AD PRAENOMINATI ARCHIEPISCOPI INSTANTIAM.

Ad undecim abhinc annos translatus est praedictus Dominus ab Episcopatu Clocherensi in Hibernia per SSmum D. Paulum Papam

V. ad hunc Archiepiscopatum, ad mortem vel decessum Rmi. Dni. fris Matthaei de Oviedo Hispani ex ord. Minorum assumpti.

Magnum semper exhibuit specimen in Urbe, in Hispania et Belgio ubi litteris operam dedit, et in Hibernia, suae egregiae indolis, pietatis, virtutis et erga res Catholicae fidei imperterriti zeli; in maximo pretio habitus apud omnes propter magnam generis nobilitatem et morum probitatem necnon sacrarum ac humanarum litterarum peritiā.

Per septem vel octo annos, quibus praesens ministrat vel curat res sui Archiepiscopatus, multorum et praecipuorum hominum mores in meliores mutavit, iuramenta, factiones et multa vitia et abusus extirpavit, sacramentis semper et verbo Dei suas oves, etsi cum magno sui capitis discrimine, refecit.

Persecutionibus et hereticorum insectationibus ita moleste agitur, ut per plures dies in eodem loco consistere nequeat, nec ei in habitu clericali aut ecclesiastico, sed more seculari, incedere liceat, modo inter parentes, modo inter fideles suos subditos delitescens, ut fidelium necessitatibus se possit reservare.

Ecclesia Dublinensis sita est in Civitate Dublino totius Regni emporio ubi Prorex Anglicus et Curia, vel Consilium residet ministrorum haereticorum ab Anglorum Rege deputatorum, cuius Ecclesiae fructus colligit et comedit vel dispergit Archiepiscopus Anglus Calvinista a Rege promotus, vel in hanc dignitatem sua illa impia potestate pretensa intrusus, ita ut Archiepiscopus Catholicus, et ab Ecclesia Romana vere et legitime procreatus curam agat animarum Catholicorum Hibernorum qui degunt in illa dioecesi inter eos secreto conversans et ab eis pro sua erga res fidei et ecclesiasticas pietate et gratitudine quae sunt victui et vestitui necessaria recipiens.

In illa dioecesi magnas subeunt mulctas et molestias Catholici vocati aliquando in discrimen capitis et bonorum confiscationem quia nolunt accedere ad Ecclesias haereticorum et contra suam conscientiam, aequitatem et rationem ipsam Regem Angliae profiteri Caput Ecclesiae Anglicanae, cuius et ceterarum per orbem dispersarum, laudabiliter et constantissime defendunt Hiberni esse Papam, ob quod ab haereticis Papistae veluti in opprobrium, quod in gloriam et honorem ducunt, ubique appellantur.

Adiuvantur et foventur in illa dioecesi Catholici et firmiores quotidie redduntur per sollicitam curam dicti Archiepiscopi et exhortationes praedicationesque ecclesiasticorum praecipue religiosorum in illis partibus hinc inde pro locorum, oppidorum, et fidelium necessitate circumcursantium, et hereticorum technis et machinationibus obviantium. Nam Ministri heretici subdolis et iniquis legibus

conantur Catholicos in laqueum ducere et in scandalum, formam quamdam iuramenti de primatu Regis et obedientia omnimoda ei exhibenda eis offerentes quam nisi admiserint varias rebellium subeunt poenas. Colonias etiam novas in illo Archiepiscopatu introducunt Anglorum et Scotorum sectariorum, expellentes a propriis Catholicos recusantes, per terminos peremptorios statutis anni temporibus assignandos, et nolentes ceremoniis et offitiis hereticorum interesse. Ibidem etiam, sicut et in toto Regno prohibentur a magistratibus et offitiis publicis Catholici, undequaue et ubique circumventi a sectariis ut a fide deficiant.

Nullum est beneficium ecclesiasticum quod possidere liceat Catholico sed omnia habent usurpata et fructibus eorum potiuntur sectarii, ita ut ministri Catholici solis eleemosynis vivant fidelium.

Ipse Archiepiscopus per se ob praedictas rationes personaliter non potuit adesse ut huius suae Ecclesiae et regiminis rationem redderet, nec alium e suo clero designare, tum ob expensarum penuriam, quippe qui suis non fruuntur beneficiis, tum ob magnum quod imminet in portibus maritimis periculum: in omnibus enim constituti sunt et assignati ab Anglorum Rege exploratores et lictores qui Romam, Italiam, vel Hispaniam aut Catholicorum Regna petentes diligentissime et callide examinent, et externos ad Hiberniae regnum adventantes explorent, apud quos si quodpiam deprehendant ecclesiasticum, aut quod rem Romanam redoleat, eos statim in vincula coniiciunt, iudicium Capitis, vel aliud quodpiam ad Proregis placitum subituros, et nautas vel mercatores tyrannice suppliciis afficiunt, et naves mercesque regio abdicant fisco, tantaque est horum exploratorum diligentia in Catholicorum rebus prodendis ut nec litteras tute et absque periculo Catholici ad has partes mittere possint, ita ut litterae ipsae in quibus praedictus Archiepiscopus hanc curam nominato fratri Lucae commendat, non sine periculo eorum manus evaserint et post quatuordecim ferme menses ad eius manus pervenerint.

Propterea praedictus Archiepiscopus orat Illmas Dominationes vestras, ut eius nomine praedictum fratrem Lucam Waddingum admittatis, ut pro eo sanctorum Apostolorum Limina visitet, eiusque relationi plenam circa praedictam Dublinensem Ecclesiam fidem adhibeatis, quod pro maximo reputabit beneficio orabitque ut Illmas Dominationes Vestras Deus in multos annos conservet incolumes.

Cum Archiepiscopus Dublinen. in partibus infidelium existens non possit ipse per se ad visitanda Beatorum Apostolorum limina

accedere nec alium specialiter delegare eo quod sub poena privationis vitae et bonorum prohibeantur ibidem Christifideles de rebus ecclesiasticis ad sedem Apostolicam litteras dare aut transferre et publice Christianam fidem profiteri ; petit se admitti ad ipsa limina visitanda per Rev. fratrem Guadinum sacrae Theologiae Doctorem, qui superioribus annis ab eius Dioecesi ad Urbem se contulit, et illius Ecclesiae statum optime novit.

Cum idem Archiepiscopus ab anno 1611 quo ad eam Ecclesiam fuit promotus huic muneri visitationis ob causas praedictas satisfacere non potuerit supplicat pro absolutione a censuris et poenis, si in quas forte hac de causa incidit.

Die 19 decembris 1620 Congregatio Concilii impediti aequitate permota censuit esse admittendum hac vice ad limina visitanda procuratorem Episcopi licet pro aliis negotiis iampridem ad Urbem venerit, atque Episcopo concedendam absolutionem ac dispensationem petitam.

[*Endorsed.* DUBLINEN. RELATIO NONI QUADRIENNI
EXHIBITA PER PROCURATOREM EXPRESSUM IN
LITTERIS, HAC DIE 27 SEPTEMBRIS 1619 EXPEDITA.]

*Ex Regesto Litterarum responsoriarum in Vis. SS. Lim. vol. VI.
fol. 78 sqq.*

D. Epo. Dublinen.

Revme, etc. Amplitudinis Tuae procurator ad visitanda SS. Apolorum limina ablegatus proximis superioribus diebus ipsa limina pie ac reverenter visitavit ; licetque de istius Ecclesiae calamitoso ac miserabili statu multa retulerit Congrui Illorum Patrum Concilii Tridentini Interpretum cui munus hoc audiendi a S.D.N. iniunctum fuit, quae non sine gravi animi dolore audita fuere : tamen non mediocri gaudio Patres ipsi affecti sunt cum intellexerint Amplitudinem Tuam in istius Regionis calamitatibus ac luctuosa conditione a suo pastoralis munere exercendo non desistere ; imo quo maiores sibi difficultates obiciuntur eo maiorem diligentiam ac sollicitudinem impertiri, pietatem, charitatem, religionem ac vigilantiam omnem adhibendo. Qua quidem in re ut constanter perseveraret, Sacra Congregatio eam cohortaretur, nisi pro certo haberet Amplitudinem

Tuam pie ac solícite ísthic pro animarum salute laborantem, omnia quae ad religionem divinumque cultum vel restituendum vel conservandum adiumento esse poterunt alacri ac prompto animo per se ipsam esse praestituram. Illud Nos a Deo precamur, ut pios ac salutares Tuae Amplitudinis labores omnes sua ope fovere eique gratiae suae praesidio semper adesse dignetur.

Romae die 20 Decembris 1621.

KILMORE,* 1629.

Illmi. et Revmi. Domini.

Provide ad illius Evangelici hominis bonorum suorum dissipationem metuentis ideoque rationem villicationis a prodigali villico exigentis exemplum universalis Dominicae vineae cultor et custos sancivit, et omnes cathedralium Ecclesiarum Praelatos solemní iuramento adstrinxit, ut certis, pro regnorum tamen varietate, diversis temporibus spiritualis suae villicationis rationem redderent; nam si ab eo cui minora, videlicet, temporalia commissa sunt, districta exigatur ratio, ab eo utique cui maiora, spiritualia scilicet, concredita sunt, districtiorem rationem exigi aequum est. Nihil igitur magis optans quam Apostolicis mandatis quam celerrime obtemperare, ego iuxta iuramenti a me praestiti obligationem, huiusque Regni praescriptam normam quolibet quadriennio Apostolorum Limina visitare, et SSmo. Domino Nostro pastoralis mei officii rationem reddere teneri libenter agnoscens; idque tamen neque per meipsum, neque per alium certum e gremio mei Capituli aut ex cleri conventu, ob praesentium temporum calamitatem, variaque terra marique pericula praestare valens, per Regularem Sacerdotem ad hoc speciale mandatum habentem, meaque legitima impedimenta Illmo. et Revmo. Cardinali Ludovisio, Regni nostri Protectori, declarantem adimplebo, et pastoralis officii a me in Killmorensi dioecesi, Ardmachanae Provinciae, hocce iam quadriennio gesti, prout sequitur rationem reddo.

Ad Episcopatus Killmorensis dudum solliciti Pastoris solatio destituti regimen accedens, pleraque confusa et a disciplina Ecclesi-

* Hugh O'Reilly, appointed June 9, 1625; transferred to Armagh, 1628.

astica deviantia repperi, tum pro modulo et posse meo omnia ad meliorem statum redegi :

1° Cum alias sub dio aut in locis indecentibus sacrum Missae sacrificium ubique celebraretur, et sacrosanctum Eucharistiae Sacramentum fidei populo non sine magni sacrilegii periculo administraretur, in singulis parochiis domos ecclesiasticas sive oratoria nitida aedificari mandavi.

2° Calices aut aureos aut argenteos ornamentaque munda et decentia singulos parochos emere et habere praecepi.

3° Sacra olea statutis a iure temporibus renovari, et sacramenta cum debitis ceremoniis administrari iussi.

4° Clerum meum habitu decenti incedere, a scandalosis conversationibus et illicitis actibus abstinere et cessare omnino praecepi, et quoscumque clericos aliter degentes aut se gerentes inveni, omni beneficio vel officio privavi vel e finibus meae iurisdictionis reieci.

5° Parvulorum et adultorum innumerae multitudini confirmationis sacramentum administravi adeo ut, omissis paucioribus numeris ad me continuo accedentibus, quodam tempore per tres integras hebdomadas singulis diebus non minus quam mille quingentas personas confirmaverim.

6° Sacrorum Conciliorum vestigiis insistens nullos praeter idoneos patriaeque idoneos aut utiles aut summe necessarios ordinavi.

7° Denuntiationes matrimonio praemitti debitas, sed hic a longo tempore omissas, fieri et practicari mandavi.

8° Divortia frequentia quae hic alias ex officialium ignorantia vel avaritia fieban', et ex quibus plurima scandala et confusiones oriebantur cessare coëgi.

9° Nobilium, cleri, et populorum rixas et lites cum magna patriae utilitate, pace, et quiete saepe composui aut sopivi.

10° Furta, latrocinia, et ebrietates similesque Reipublicae pestes variis utendo mediis e meis finibus expuli.

Atque haec omnia aliaque quae brevitatis causa iam scribere omitto, absque ullo nostrorum in fide adversariorum murmure aut obloquiis, immo cum cunctorum maxima laetitia, solatio, et utilitate a me hocce in quadriennio praecepta, et executioni demandata sunt : quibus maiora (Deo iuvante) posthac si tempora permiserint a me

gesta Illmae. Dominationes Vestrae recipient. Interim vero Deus opt. Max. Illmas. et Revmas. Dominationes Vestras ad maximam Ecclesiae suae utilitatem incolumes conservet.

Illustrissimarum et Reverendissimarum Dominationum Vestrarum
Servus in Christo Humillimus

Hugo Relly electus Archiepiscopus Ardmachanus

Datum in loco mansionis
nostrae septimo septem-
bris anno 1629

Illmis. et Rmis. Cardinalibus Sacri Concilii

KILMORE,* 1634.

Beatissime Pater

Post pedum sanctorum oscula, et immortales gratias Vestrae Sanctitati, quod me licet immeritum ad episcopalis dignitatis culmen in dioecesi Killmoriensi Ardmachanae Provinciae in Hiberniae Regno evexerit, Sanctitatis Vestrae humillimus servus ego Eugenius Suinaeus Killmorensis Episcopus agnosco me hocce quarto a mea consecratione anno teneri Apostolorum Limina vistare, deque toto meo pastoralis officio Sanctitati Vestrae rationem reddere. Verum, ob temporum praesentium calamitosissimorum, terra marique pericula, et locorum distanciam id per me praestare non valens, prout cunctis patet qui statum huius Regni vel in minimo norunt, nec habens ullum de gremio mei Capituli, vel in dignitate constitutum vel e clero sacerdotem, qui ob praedicta impedimenta, necnon expensarum defectum, supradicta vice mei exequi posset, sapientissimum Dominum Edmundum Dowyer sacerdotem spectatae vitae et probitatis et Doctorem Theologum iam in Urbe existentem publico officio ibidem pro nostro regno fungentem, meum nuncium specialem ad causas legitimas quae me a dicta visitatione impediunt probandas nomino et assigno,

* Eugene Swiney, appointed, Sept. 18, 1628 ; died Oct. 18, 1669.

et ipse pauca sequentia tamquam ratiociniorum compendium ad Vestram Sanctitatem humillime mitto :

Electus et confirmatus, post receptionem Bullarum Apostolicarum mearum, quam celerrime potui munus consecrationis, licet non sine magna difficultate, ab illmo. et Revmo. Thoma Archiepiscopo Dublinensi, assistentibus eidem Rmis. Thoma * Midensi, et Ioanne † Rapotensi Episcopis suscepi, cum fidei Catholicae et fidelitatis iuramenti formas meo sigillo munitas ad Vestram Sanctitatem sine mora destinavi.

Consecratus, in mea dioecesi continuo residebam, sedulam navabam operam et diligenter incumbere iis quae ad meae Ecclesiae statum, ad cleri populique disciplinam ac reformationem et animarum meae curae commissarum salutem pertinebant. Nam non tantum ea quae ad episcopalem, sed etiam quae ad sacerdotalem et pastorem munus spectabant, quoties se offerebat occasio, exercebam. Innumeras multitudines tam in mea quam in vicinioribus dioecesibus (de Ordinariis semper consensu) confirmabam, multos presbyteros ordinabam, haereticos sexaginta aut circiter Ecclesiae Catholicae reconciliabam, missiones ad reconciliandos peccatores per meam dioecesim frequenter indicebam; verbum Dei non solum per alios sed et per meipsum quoties corporis valetudo aut negotiorum multitudo permittebat, populis praedicabam. Meam dioecesim quotannis visitabam et bis in anno, quoties opus videbatur, clerum meum in unum congregabam et in illis congregationibus multa tam ad cleri quam ad populi reformationem salubria statuta condebam. Varia tam a contumacibus quibusdam clericis, quam a laicis passus sum persecuciones et molestias, adeo ut non solum latere, sed etiam aliquando e mea dioecesi recedere coactus sim, a qua tamen, nisi pietatis aut necessitatis causa numquam abfui. Saepe a persecutoribus meis ad saecularia tribunalia vocatus et citatus ire semper recusavi, ecclesiasticam quantum potui defendens immunitatem. unde iam in evidenti sum periculo, quod propter talium citationum contemptum iudicum saecularium edicto in exilium sim amandandus. His multo plura Vestrae Sanctitati, si periculum interceptionis, quam et in his etiam vehementer timeo, referenda haberem, sed haec ad meam obedientiam erga Sanctitatem Vestram et Sedem Apostolicam ostendendam, usque ad meliora tempora sufficere existimans Deum opt. Max. precor ut Vestram Sanctitatem universali

* Dease.

† Culenau.

totius Ecclesiae et nostri afflicti Regni bono diutissime incolumem servet.

Sanctitatis Vestrae
humillimus servus
Eugenius Epus Killmoren.

Dat. in Loco refugii
nostri 2° Martii 1634

[*Endorsed.* KHILMOREN HIBERNIAE RELATIO STATUS
ECCLESIAE KHILMOREN IN HIBERNIA PRO 13
QUATRIENNIO EXHIBITA DIE 3 MARTII 1636 A PROC-
RE EX DECRETO SSMI. D.N. QUAMVIS IN CURIA
EXISTENTE ADMISSE.]

OSSORY,* 1635.

David Dei et Apostolica gratia Episcopus Ossoriensis Rdo. Domino Edmundo Duyer, S. Theologiae Doctori et presbytero Hiberno: Cum nobis innotuerit Sacram Congregationem Eminentissimorum DD. Cardinalium ad deliberandum de rebus Ecclesiae Hiberniae salubriter institutam, annuente SSmo. D.N. Urbano Papa, in favorem Episcoporum Hiberniae decrevisse, ut obligationi ipsorum de visitandis liminibus Apostolorum quolibet quadriennio possint et censeantur satisfacere per procuratorem etiam non dioecesanum, etiam in Curia residentem: Nos, gratiosi huius decreti beneficio freti, Te de cuius prudentia fide et integritate confidimus, nostrum verum et legitimum procuratorem per praesentes instituimus, ordinamus et deputamus ad praemissa fideliter exequenda, tibi que iniungendo, committimus ut nostro et Ecclesiae nostrae nomine, te sistas et praesentes coram Emis. DD. Cardinalibus Sacri Concilii Tridentini Interpretibus, eisque Ecclesiae nostrae statum a nobis conscriptum, quem his nostris litteris adiunctum transmittimus, exponas eorumque mandata reverenter suscipias ad nos opportune destinanda, ceteraque omnia facias et exequaris quae nos ipsi facere et exequi vellemus et teneremus si praesentes esse possemus. Datum in loco praesentis nostrae habitationis in hac nostra Ossoriensis Dioecesi ultimo die mensis Aprilis Anno 1635.

[L.S.]

David Epus Ossorien.

* David Rothe, appointed Sept. 1, 1618; died 1650.

DE PRAESENTI STATU OSSORIENSIS DIOECESIS

Haec Dioecesis, ut est vetustissima, utpote inchoata a Scto Kirano, qui fuit Scto. Patricio primario Gentis apostolo coaevus, ita multis nobilitata est terrae dotibus, et pietatis maiorum nostrorum monumentis. Denominationem habet non a civitate aliqua particulari sed a toto Territorio et Regione, quae dicitur Ossoria. Haec proxime coniuncta est Aeliae Caroliae, in qua prima sedes cathedralis sita erat, sub primo dioecesis episcopo Scto. Kirano, in Seir Keran municipiolo, inde translata in opidulum quod a vado boum dicitur Aghbo, tandem sub Episcopo Felice Dullanio, qui sanctitatis opinione floruerat, traducta est in civitatem Kilkeniae in qua per annos quingentos circiter manet.

Cathedralis Ecclesiae structura ampla est et magnifica, et in circuitu eius habitant Dignitarii omnes. Palatium Episcopale ab oriente cernitur; Decani vero domus ex adverso in occidente. Reliquae vero dignitates sua habent domicilia, Praecentor, Archidiaconus, Thesaurarius, Cancellarius ut in procinctu serviant divino cultui. Collegium Vicariorum choralium positum est intra fines pomerii Ecclesiae: praebendarii Canonici numero septenario vocem habent in Capitulo.

Rectoria, Vicariae et Capellae parochiales sparsim per totam dioecesim superant numerum centenarium; et loca haec atque proventus et redditus ecclesiasticos universos occupat clerus heterodoxus. In ipsa civitate sunt quatuor solummodo Parochiae, et cum omnia beneficia, obventiones, solutiones, oblationes et decimae de facto possideantur a Protestantibus, tamen habitatores pro multo maiori parte Catholici sunt, quibus in conscientiis regendis et ministerio sacramentorum ac verbi divini praedicatione deservit clerus Catholicus numerosior sane quam facultates civium et incolarum bene possint sustentare, hoc praesertim tempore quo extraordinaria tributa sunt in Comitibus ultimis imposita toti Regno, et subsidia et angariae super vires incolarum.

Clerus urbanus constat duplici classe, saeculari et regulari; saecularis seu pastoralis octonarium numerum facit; regularis superat hunc censum; nam ex Ordine S. Francisci habitant in suo conducto Guardianus cum septem fratribus, sed sine stricta clausura et cunctatione habitus interpolata; saepe enim interpellamur vel timore vel angore vel occurrentibus hinc inde quotidianis necessitatibus, ut nonnisi veste laicali prodeundum sit.

Oratoria vel abdita in angulis et recessibus, vel opere tumultuario ex luto et stramine visuntur; nam quae erant magis conspicua et

splendida in fiscum regium ante annos circiter quinque redacta sunt, unum parochiale et tria diversorum Ordinum Regularia. Praeter Franciscanos quos dixi sunt etiam Dominicani tres: et Societatis Iesu tres statarii praeter supernumerarios, qui crebro huc veniunt aliunde, ad praedicandum et catechizandum a Superioribus suis missi. Cistercienses, qui aliquando plures, aliquando pauciores morantur, et Carmelitae excalceati qui bini vel terni commorabantur.

Et tametsi nec Carmelitae nec Cistercienses umquam habuerint monasterium in hac civitate ipsa, tamen in dioecesi habebant olim Cistercienses quidem duo satis opulenta; et Carmelitae mitigati unum. Canonici vero Regulares intra muros civitatis unum habebant monasterium, sed extra quinque Prioratus obtinebant satis opimos, cum uno insuper Monialium. Sed omnes isti Regularium locorum proventus et ipse Monasteriorum situs cum omnibus fundis et praediis eorum a tempore schismatis cesserunt Fisco Regio et occupantur manu laycorum, vel ex donatione Regum vel e contractu emptionum permutationis emphyteusis, etc. sub annuo censu impendendo Regis aerario. Franciscani in tota dioecesi nonnisi unum, et id in ipsa civitate Monasterium habuerunt; Dominicani vero tria possidebant, unum intra civitatem, alia dua extra. Haec vero omnia omnium Ordinum Regularium loca destructa sunt vel conversa in usus profanos.

Parochiales autem ecclesiae subsistunt integrae sed a Protestantibus ministris occupatae; et inter eas si quae neglectae corruerunt, novo Parochianorum onere et sumptu non modico restaurantur. Nam quia Catholici iamdudum desierant eas frequentare, ob infrequentiam ceciderunt rurales parochiae non paucae, et collapsae denuo aedificantur ut eas frequentare plebem compellant Rectores, vel qui se subtrahunt onerentur mulctis aut in carceres compingantur, sicut antehac saepius factum vidimus; vult enim et pertinaciter instat pseudo-clerus protestanticus persuadere Pro-Regi et his qui a consilio sunt, Catholicos esse nimis potentes et opulentos, qui clerum suum tam numerosum sumptu profusiore sustentant, quam qui a Rege expenditur e publico aerario in militarem et civilem administrationem. Vel haec sola calumnia nobis sufficere deberet ad cautelam, ne superfluis expensis gravemus nostros amicos et receptatores; quando tam invidiosa criminatione traducimur ab aemulis et adversariis fidei nostrae.

Haec in eum finem profero, non ut accusem cordatos, nec ut excusem inquietos aut nimis audaces, sed tantummodo ut melius intelligatur status huius meae dioecesis; in qua regenda tanto maior solertia requiritur, quanto plures sunt obices, non tantum ab inimicis, sed etiam ab ipsis fidei domesticis: ab illis quidem per

odium et invidiam, ab his vero per imprudentiam et inordinatum zelum et non secundum scientiam.

Praeter clerum urbanum quem numeravi, habitant ruri et aliis sparsim oppidulis, vicis et castellis, de clero pastorali non pauciores quam triginta praeter cappellanos tres supernumerarios, qui Catholicis Anglis, inter indigenas intermixtis, ad divina celebranda, salvo iure parochiali, inserviunt. Et hi omnes ab Episcopis approbati et certis districtibus alligati pro numero et necessitate plebis per delegationem Ordinarii ipsis commissae, diu noctuque, succincti lumbos, advigilant ministerio parochialium sacramentorum suis parochianis impendendo. Caeterum hi nostri, sicut ceteri fere omnes parochi per universum Regnum, non aliunde magis victitant quam ex devota subventionem et opitulatione sui gregis; tenui alicubi promisso stipendio, quod iure naturae debetur, et a plerisque non solvitur, cum tamen dignus sit operarius cibo suo et mercede sua.

Horum quietem simul et Ordinariorum iurisdictionem multum turbaret, si aliunde in eorum labores se ingererent quocumque titulo, etiam concessionis Apostolicae, incogniti et inexperti captatores beneficiorum; qui nec a suis nec ab aliis Episcopis commendati, per ambitionem vel avaritiam supervenirent.

Modus quem adhibeo disciplinae tuendae et augendae talis est: Singulis annis Synodus dioecesis omniū Capitularium et Parochorum celebratur, in qua secundum Canones, causae synodales omnes quam brevissime possumus expediuntur. Instituitur etiam annua visitatio, in qua non solum ministrandae confirmationis debitum officium persolvitur; sed etiam correctionis morum, et decisionis litium, et concordiae propagandae cura suscipitur. Quod tamen hoc anno a me personaliter obiri non potuit, ob invaliditatem, qua domi, consilio medicorum, manendum fuit, ab ineunte Iulio usque ad Aprilem exactum; nunc autem adulta verni temporis amoenitate, statuo exire e latibulo, et quae officii mei fuerint exequi, qua potuero sedulitate, in hoc senili corpusculo quod veterascit, nec procul ab interitu est.

Praeter annuos istos conventus, soleo quater in anno convocare decanos rurales (quos vocamus hic Vicarios foraneos) qui numerum octonarum non excedunt; cum his et cum Dignitariis Ecclesiae Cathedralis, Decano (qui idem est Vicarius Generalis) Archidiacono, Praecentore, adiuncto toto Clero urbano, quando urget negotii gravitas, pertracto de toto regimine ecclesiastico, et de emergentibus causis et quaestionibus, quae consultationem requirunt.

Ultra hos trimestres congressus, ordinavi menstruas congregationes in quolibet decanatu, ad quas ventitant omnes parochi illius distric-

tus. In his congregationibus ratio redditur temporis ab ultimo consensu exacti, difficiliores conscientiae casus disceptantur, et certa assignatur pro quolibet mense materia studendi, et per vices singuli parochi pensum exsolvunt. In his etiam distributio suffragiorum habetur et sacra lectio, sive de vita sancti occurrentis sive de catechistica instructione, seu alia spiritualis vitae alimonia vicissim instituitur. Et pro doctrina christiana in festis dominicis, et, quando id commode et tute fieri possit, horis pomeridianis frequentatur.

Non praetermittitur etiam pro recollectione Parochorum quaesita commoditas qua unus quispiam e Societate Jesu patribus exercet vocatos ad secessum et quietem pro una septimana circiter ut mentali orationi ac viae praesertim purgativae, necnon etiam, quamvis parcius, illuminativae atque unitivae exercitiis muniat et corroboret, Pastores ad vires reparandas et conscientias proprias expiandas, quo vegetiores et alacriores redeant ad operas suas saluti proximorum maxime autem parochianorum sibi commissorum impendendas.

Est etiam opus non exigui fructus in hac dioecesi Sodalitas quae vocatur Congregatio Pacifica sub patrocinio Beatissimae Virginis, sub tutela Angelorum Custodum, sub invocatione Sanctorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli et sancti Patricii Hibernorum Patroni. Haec regitur a Praefecto qui esse solet e clero pastoralis; non admittuntur in eam nisi selectiores personae utriusque sexus; confirmata est et indulgentiis aucta a fel. rec. Gregorio XV. Non est poenitendus hinc profectus concordiae dilatandae, pacis firmandae et reconciliationis multorum dissidentium.

Sunt et aliae Sodalitates, a Patribus Scti. Dominici, Scti. Francisci et Societatis Jesu quae uberem proferunt fructum. Scapularis Carmelitarum Sodalitas, mortuo illo qui eam hic instituerat, et ceteris illius Ordinis hinc nuper recedentibus, exsolescit.

Habemus et in ipsa civitate ex quadam conniventia duas scholas litterarum humaniorum, pro erudienda iuventute: alteram gubernant Patres Societatis Jesu, alteri praeest saecularis Catholicus.

Quae autem industriae excogitatae et pertractatae fuerant pro conglutinandis animis totius Cleri tam Pastoralis quam Regularis per universum Regnum innotescere potuit ex aliis et quidem propriis tractatibus conscriptis et communicatis cum iis quorum intererat, omnia esse apud nos tranquilla et pacata. Et ex his conatibus capita sunt quaedam in Urbem transmissa diversis vicibus, qualis est *Unio Hierarchica*; *Consultatio Unitiva*; *Cautio Ecclesiastica*: de quibus et aliis sacris moliminibus quae temporum calamitas, et quotidiana necessitas suggerebat, praestat nunc silere quam paucis velle exponere quae longos sermones deposcerent.

Ex occupatoribus superius iam dictis ecclesiasticorum proventuum plerique sunt Protestantes particulares vel etiam communitates quae vix reperiuntur immunes a Protestantibus; vel si personae sint Catholicae, quae illa quasi hereditarie occupata a patribus vel avis suis detinent, sopire satagunt et sedare suas conscientias exigua cleemosynarum erogatione in pauperes; nisi tamen se sinant sibi persuaderi a quibusdam ecclesiasticis, maxime Regularibus recentioris instituti, se in conscientia securos esse, per dispensationem Card. Poli, quae sub principibus Catholicis Philippo et Maria, tam in Anglia quam in Hibernia, Actis Parlamentaribus insertam circumfertur. Qua dispensatione nituntur multi et arbitrantur esse saecularizata omnia illa Monasteria; et ab occupatoribus posse tuta conscientia detineri absque ulla compensatione, conventionem vel contributionem in catholicos pauperes eroganda sive ecclesiasticos sive laicos. Et circa hanc quorundam opinionem gravis subinde nascitur disceptatio et sententiarum altercatio in Clero et populo catholico cui determinandae Sedis Apostolicae auctoritatem intercedere debere non pauci existimant.

Haec omnia quae a me hactenus commemorata sunt, pro cognoscendo praesenti statu Ossoriensis dioecesis, cum humili observantia offero considerata Eminentissimis Patribus et Dominis meis Concilii Tridentini Interpretibus. Quod si tardius aut rarius relationes meae deveniunt ad manus vel aures Eminentiarum suarum non id contumaciae, sed temporis nostri et locorum quae incolimus angustiis et miseriis adscribi opto et supplico.*

[L. S.]

David, Epus Ossorien.

Fidem facio ego insus qualiter R. D. Edmundus Duier Archidiaconus Cathed. Ecc. Imolacen. pro Illmo. et Rmo. D. D. David Ep. Ossorien. visitavit Sacra Apostolorum limina die II maii A. 1636. In quor. fidem.

Ita est: Ego Gabriel Mancinus Vaticanæ Basilicæ Principis Apostolorum Sacrista manu ppria.

Fidem facio ego infraptus qualiter R. D. Edmundus Duier Archid. Cathedralis Ecclesiae Imolacen. pro Illmo. et Rmo. D. D. David Ep.

* The Relatio is followed by the usual oath, beginning: "Ego David Epus Ossoriensis, ab hac hora in antea fidelis et obediens ero B. Petro Aplo, etc.," and by the customary profession of faith, beginning: "Ego David Epus Ossoriensis firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula quae continentur, etc."

Ossorien. visitavit sacra Aplor. Limina die 10 mensis Maii 1636. In quor. fidem.

Ita est : ego D. Gratianus Casarossius Basilicae S. Pauli extra Urbem Sacrista, manu ppria.

[*Endorsed.* OSSORIEN. RELATIO XIII QUADRIENNII
EXHIBITA DIE X MAIII 1636. DATAE LITTERAE IN
FORMA * DIE 7 IUNII 1636. NON INDIGET AB-
SOLUTIONE.]

FERNs,† 1635.

STATUS ECCLESIAE FERNENSIS, PROVINCIAE DUBLINEN. IN HYBERNIA
EXPONENDUS EE. DD. CARDBUS. S. C. TRIDENTINI INTER-
PRETIBUS A° 1635.

Eminmi et Rmi. Patres.

Quia nuper indulsit SS. D. N. Urbanus papa octavus (ut ex eius Decretis apparet, quae eddierunt EE. PP. Cardinales qui sub eodem Pontifice rebus Hybernica ordinandis nuper incubuerunt), ut Episcopi Hyberni qui propter paupertatem et necessitates Ecclesiarum nostrarum procul a gregibus suis abire non possumus, per Procuratorem etiam non dioecesanum et etiam residentem in Curia, sacra Limina Apostolorum visitemus ; Ideo ego Ioannes Epus Fernen. in procuratorem ad hunc effectum elegi R. Virum Edmundum D. Duyer popularem meum, S. Theologiae Doctorem, qui vestro sacro Senatui Ecclesiae meae statum referat et mandata vestra reverenter excipiat. Status autem Ecclesiae Fernensis est :—

Ecclesia ipsa, olim antiqua et celebris, nunc nonnisi in ruderibus exhibet vestigia propriae pristinae nobilitatis. Pseudoepiscopus qui diutissime proventibus huius Ecclesiae fruebatur obiit tandem ante paucos menses ; designatus vero dicitur ad successionem D. Andreas Decanus Limiricen. homo austerus et immitis ingenii.

Quinque dignitates et praebendae non paucae erant olim in hac

* The registers of the Congregation's letters in reply to each *relatio status* are incomplete, several volumes having been lost during the transit of the Archives to and from Paris in Napoleonic times.

† John Roche, appointed, April 29, 1624 ; died, 1636.

Ecclesia qua nunc occupantur omnes a ministris adversae religionis. Parochiae non minus octoginta per diocesim erant quarum proventus nunc misere vel detenti a laicis vel possessi a ministris heterodoxis.

Et quia plebis pars maxima tota catholica est, designati sunt presbyteri catholici viginti octo qui munia in hac dioecesi pastoralia exercent, quorum cura penetrat in omnes angulos dioecesis, quamvis nonnisi parce subministrentur ipsis vitae subsidia a fidelibus.

Sunt etiam regulares in hac dioecesi de observantia Scti. Francisci septem vel octo sub titulo Conventus Wexfordiae, et quatuor aut quinque sub simili titulo Rosponi, quorum quamvis sedula sit opera et non ignava postulatio eleemosynae, parum tamen colligunt propter rem angustam in dioecesi; quo attento competentius esse ducerem ut una sola exactio fieret pro uno conventu solo quo se reciperent omnes simul quam pro pluribus conventibus in dioecesi plurimum depopulata. Verum hoc non conceditur arbitrio; nam in regione libera unusquisque in suo sensu abundet.

Sunt etiam in hac dioecesi presbyteri Societatis Jesu tres homines probi et operarii inconfusibiles.

Sunt quoque duo Cistercienses qui licet Abbatiarum titulis tumidi, bene tamen concordantes sunt cum Episcopo, quod raro alibi in hoc regno contingit.

Tota suppellex ecclesiastica quae vel ad cathedralem spectabat vel ad Ecclesias inferiores directa fuit sub initio schismatis; solum in parochiali Rospontina exstant aliquae casulae et calices operis antiqui; habent tamen presbyteri nostri tam civici quam rurales calices et vestimenta non indecentia sua industria et sumptibus parta, quo in genere acquisitionis excellunt Regulares de quibus supra.

Rara apud nostro visuntur lucra lapsorum revertentium ad unionem catholicam, vel quia lapsi plus terreni compendii nanciscuntur, ab ea parte qua manent, vel quia nostra iurgia nos reddiderunt despiciatiores, vel quia non oramus sicut nos oportet; pauci tamen sunt de indigenis qui abierunt a nobis.

Iste Ecclesiae meae status est Eminentissimi Patres, quam fidei protectioni vestrae et meipsum pariter commendo.

Ioannes Epus Fernen.

Fidem facio ego infractus qualiter R. D. Edmundus Duier Procurator Illmi. et Revmi. D. D. Io: Episcopi Fernen: visitavit Sacra Apostolorum Limina hac die XVII Iulii 1635 in quorum fidem scripsi et subscripsi.

Ita est : Ego Gabriel Mancinus, Vaticanæ Basilicæ S. Petri Sacrista manu propria.

Ego infraptus fidem facio qualiter R. D. Edmundus Duier Procurator Illmi. et Rmi. Domini D. E. Ioannis Episcopi Fernen. visitavit sacra Apostolorum Limina hac die XXI iulii 1635.

Ita est : Ego Federicus de Marcituliis, Basilicæ S. Pauli Capnus, pro Sacrista, manu propria.

[*Endorsed.* FERNEN : RELATIO XIII QUADRIENNII EXHIBITA A PRORE EX GRATIA IUXTA DECRETUM SSMI. IN CONGREG. DE PROPAG. FIDE. ADMISSE DIE 15 IULII 1635. DATAE LITTERAE IN FORMA 22 SEPTEMBRIS 1635.]

ELPHIN,* 1637.

Ihus et Maria

In Dei nomine. Amen.

Noverint universi huius publici instrumenti tenorem inspecturi, quod anno a Nativitate Domini millesimo sexcentesimo trigesimo sexto, die vero Decembris vigesimo nono, Pontificatus autem Sanctissimi in Chto. fratris et Dni. nostri Urbani divina Providentia Papae octavi anno decimoquarto, Nos. fr. Boetius Eganus Dei et apostolicæ Sedis gratia Elphinensis Episcopus principaliter et pro nobis ipsis omnibus melioribus modo, via, iure, causa, et forma quibus melius et efficacius de iure possumus et debemus, facimus, constituimus et solemniter ordinamus nostrum verum, certum, legitimum et indubitatum procuratorem, eximium Doctorem Sacrae Theologiæ et cathedralis Ecclesiæ Imolacensis Archidiaconum, Dominum Edmundum Duir, nostro nomine et pro nobis ad visitanda SS. Apostolorum Petri et Pauli limina; et ad præsentandam et porrigendam hanc quatriennalem relationem, et nostræ Elphinensis dioecesis cum omni nostra obedientia rationem Sanctissimo Domino Nostro Urbano papae octavo et Eminentissimis Dominis Nostris

* Boetius Egan, appointed, June 9, 1625; died, 1650.

Cardinalibus Apostolicae Sedis. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium hisce subscripsimus et sigillum parvum nostrum quo ad talia utimur adposuimus, osculantes pedes sanctissimi Patris nostri Urbani papae octavi. Datum in Camera nostra privata, in Hibernia; anno et die quibus supra.

[L. S.]

Fr. Boetius Elphin. Eppus.

Haec est quatriennalis relatio status Episcopalis Elphinensis Dioecesis porrigenda SSmo. D. Nro. Urbano Papae octavo, et Eminen-
tissimis Dominis Nostreis S. R. E. Cardinalibus etc., per eximium
Dominum Edmundum Dwyre, Sacrae Theologia Doctorem et nostrum
in Urbe legitimum Procuratorem ad hoc et alia nostra negotia per-
ficienda :—*

Elphinensis Civitas ab Anglis et Scotis Protestantibus totaliter
possidetur inter quos nullus Catholicus habitare aut commorari per-
mittitur. Ruri sparsim per totam dioecesim mixtim vivunt Catholici
et Haeretici; verum Catholici in maiori sunt numero. In omnibus
procedimus (quantum iniuria temporum patitur), secundum normam
et praescriptum S. Concilii Tridentini. Hoc tempore praeter aliquot
alios sacerdotes quadraginta duos (laus Deo) habemus in nostra
dioecesi sacerdotes; in qua ante nostram ad eandem promotionem
tredecim tantum fuerunt parochi. Nostra dioecesana et provincialia
statuta nuper confirmata per Sedem Apostolicam adamussim a
nostris sacerdotibus (auxiliante Omnipotente) observare facimus.
Testes synodales habemus. Prae timore Protestantium convocare
in unum Capitulariter omnes nostros sacerdotes (ut canones praescri-
bunt) non audemus, sed cuiusque Decanatus sacerdotes singulis
annis in locum solitarium capitulariter quasi convocamus eosque
inibi iuxta Juris exigentiam visitamus: Haec siquidem nostra
Dioecesis antiquitus in septem parvos fuit divisa Decanatus. Quis-
que Parochus suos docet parochianos christianam doctrinam singulis
saltem diebus dominicis, idque in locis secretis et sylvestribus: ibi
Missas celebrat sustentatus solummodo elemosynis fidelium Catholi-
corum sine ullo subsidio proveniente ex ecclesiastico censu, sicut et
nos ipsi sustentamur et alimur sola Catholicorum devotione, et parti-

* Printed in Spicilegium Ossorien, I. 214, from a Propaganda copy.
A previous Report (1631 *circiter*) is to be found in *Arch. Hib.*, Vol. III.,
p. 359.

cipatione eleemosynarum nostrorum sacerdotum sine ullo proventu Ecclesiastico, sustinentes (laus Deo) pondus diei et aestus, et fugientes de domo in domum, et de monte in sylvam, sequentes vestigia Salvatoris nostri, Spiritu ipsius ducente, non habentes hic permanentem civitatem ubi reclinemus caput. Unde multum expedire videtur (si suae Sanctitati visum fuerit) ut in posterum, durante schismate in hoc afflicto regno, nullus ad statum Episcopalem promoveatur nisi ex fidedignis testibus repertus bonos et intimos habere amicos saeculares potentes eum sustentare, fovere, et alere; aliter sane, nisi miracula patrentur, status Episcopalis vilesceat, et contemnetur in his terris. Imminet enim iam omnibus huius desolati Regni Catholicis mortiferum tam spiritualium quam temporalium bonorum (nisi miserator et misericors Dominus nobis suis pauperculis cito succurrat) omnimodae supplantationis periculum. Canones siquidem (ut vocant) nonnullos nostrae Religionis (si id permittat Omnipotens) radicitus destructivos, Regia autoritate Primates huius Regni Protestantes hoc praesenti tempore ediderunt, quibus stricte cautum est, ut omnes huius Regni incolae, sub maximis poenis fateantur et acceptent serenissimum nostrum Regem tamquam supremum in spiritualibus et temporalibus Caput in omnibus suis Ditionibus. Cautum etiam et proclamatum est, ut omnes nostri cuiuscumque status iuvenes et scholares instruantur et educentur a ludimagistris protestantibus et ut omnes habitatores (quod avertat Deus) huius miserrimae Patriae templa Protestantium singulis Dominicis diebus adeant: et qui contrahunt matrimonium coram Catholico sacerdote unam ad minus marcam, et totidem qui infantes baptizandos nostris porrigunt parochis, solvere cogantur. Et ut nulli in posterum sepeliri possint in sepulchris maiorum iacentibus in Monasteriis, in quibus fere omnia sepulchra huius Nationis iacent, et nonnisi perpauca in parochialibus templis ob singularem devotionem populorum et procerum nostrae gentis semper in Religiosos. Hoc et plurima alia huius farinae portenta brevitatis causa prosequi omitto: unum autem aut alium canonem adiiciam, quo sancitum est ut tenelli nostri omnes ad Protestantes pseudepiscepos confirmandi ducantur, quod numquam hactenus factum novimus nec fieri mandabatur. Praeterea quod omnes agnoscant potestatem legitimam conferendi Ordines sacros, quibus ipsis visum fuerit, in dictis pseudepiscepis. In utroque nostri Catholici passuri sunt et patiuntur plurimum. Ex nostratibus nos multa millia omnis aetatis confirmavimus, et ad minimum ducentos ex regularibus et saecularibus ad sacros ordines promovimus.

Quod ad temporalia bona attinet sub funiculo distributionis hae

omnes terrae in praesenti iacent: incepterunt enim Regis ministri iam a medio anno totam hanc Conatiae provinciam metiri, quod adhuc (licet nullo tempore exceptis dominicis diebus cessent) non perfecerunt; verum quota pars, vel an aliqua, relinquatur incolis Catholicis prorsus adhuc ignoratur, sed certo certius est intentionem Regis esse (nisi Deus noster, in cuius manu est cor cuiusque regis, aliter disposuerit) totam nostrae gentis terram, nisi quae portio adhuc incerta Catholicis relinquatur, distribuere inter suos novos superseminatores Protestantes. Quae mala ut maturius praeveniantur et infirmi ac pusillanimes de facto privati et privandi suis antiquissimis possessionibus non labantur in extremam desperationem quam humillimis precibus possumus flexis genibus rogamus SSmum. nostrum Patrem ut pro nobis desolatissimis pauperibus motu pastoralis et sua paterna compassione litteris (si placet) suis privatis apud piissimam et Catholicam nostram Magnae Britanniae Reginam intercedat quatenus illa petere dignetur a nostro potentissimo Rege remedium hisce intolerabilibus malis adhibere, aut saltem aliquam mitigationem ex solita suos erga subditos clementia, ne tota gens semper Catholicae religionis tenacissima et hic et in futuro saeculo pereat. Ne mirentur obsecro nostri Eminentissimi Domini quod intermiscuerim haec indiscreta (fortasse) verba nostrae relationi, cum ad eam pertinere non videantur: extrema siquidem, quae omnem modum et legem excedit et nescit, necessitas nos coegit. Quare cum summa cordis submissione ad pedes SSmi. Domini ac Patris Nostri prostrati licentiam in hoc nostro hîc (si quis sit) excessu petentes, ad nostrum propositum scopum redeamus.

Religiosi nulli ab initio schismatis commorabantur in hac nostra dioecesi usque ad nostram in eandem promotionem. Nunc autem ex Dei providentia (omnis honor Creatori nostro) et industria nostra duo Religiosorum Conventus ex sacris Ordinibus SS. Patrum nostrorum D. Dominici, ac Seraphici Patris Nostri Francisci, in speluncis et sylvis habitantium et in vinea Domini, quoties permittitur, strenue adlaborantium.

Sequitur hic completus numerus Prioratuum et Conventuum necnon Religiosarum mulierum locorum in hac Diocesi situatorum. Quinque sunt Prioratus Canoniorum regularium Divi Augustini: nimirum Prioratus de Roscomain sive ut vocatur Teampull anoighneayne, Prioratus de Doirean, Prioratus de Cluntuasgearta, Prioratus de Killmore, et Prioratus de Innismhicorm. Prioratus Villae de Athluain Ordinis Scti. Benedicti. Prioratus de Teaghoinne Ordinis S. Iohannis Jerosolymitani. Monasterium an Isleibhe Ordinis Carmelitarum et parvum aliud Monasterium vulgo vocatum Keall-

raghsepna Palishe eiusdem Ordinis ut aliqui, et Tertii Ordinis B. P. N. Francisci, ut alii existimant. Abbatia celebris de Boill Ordinis Beati Bernardi. Abbatia Insulae SSmae. Trinitatis, Ordinis ut aiunt Praemonstratensis. Monasterium de Archarna quarumdam Religiosarum quarum Patronum ignoramus, excepto quod aliqui dicunt D. Bernardum, alii D. Augustinum esse.

Ordinis S. Dominici quinque sunt Prioratus scilicet: Prioratus de Roscomain, Prioratus de Toillsge, Prioratus de Cluinscanmhuile, Prioratus de Ballinduin, et Prioratus de Sligo. Unicus Conventus Ordinis Seraphici P. N. Francisci situatus est in Civitate Elphinensi, estque de observantia; omnia tamen praedicta loca (laus Deo) hoc tempore possidentur a protestantibus, immo et a temporibus regis ferme Henrici octavi.

Iuramentum fidelitatis praestari et emitti solitum a nostrae functionis et qualitatis personis Sedi Apostolicae et Summo Pontifici a nobis antehic aliquoties emissum et praestitum, nunc idem, in Domino confidentes vovemus, et promittimus nos durante nostra vita firmiter observaturos. Sic nos Deus adiuvet et haec sancta Evangelia. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium hisce subscripsimus et sigillum nostrum parvum quo ad talia utimur apposuimus osculantes pedem SSmi. Patris Nostri Urbani Papae Octavi. Datum in Camera Nostra privata Tertio Januarii anno millesimo sexcentesimo trigessimo septimo stilo novo.

fr. Boetius Elphinis. Epus.

Die 28 Augusti 1638. Sacra, etc. iussit dari litteras pro visitatione Sac. liminum in forma, pro decimo tertio quatriennio, et quoad calamitates expositas agendum esse cum Ssmo. D. N. ut dignetur scribere Reginae Anglicanae pro opportuna provisione.

[*Endorsed.* ELPHINENSIS: RELATIO XIII QUADR. EXHIBITA A PROCRE. IN CURIA EXISTENTE 6 IUNII 1638.]

Illmo. et Rmo. Monse.

Io D. Gio de Bar sottaltarista di S. Pietro fo fede come D. Edmundus Duer ha visitato limina Apostolorum in da Basilica pro Mons. Vescovo de Eelfinen. questo di 5 giugno 1637.

Ego Io de Bar manu ppria.

Fidem facio ego Claudius Galluccius Cappellanus Basilicae S. Pauli extra Urbem qualiter D. Edmundus Duer visitavit pro nomine Illmi. D. D. Episcopi Elfinen. limina Apostolorum in dicta Basilica die quinta iunii 1637

D. Claudius Galluccius

Ex Regesto R Litter. Responsorialium Visit. SS. Liminum, Vol. VII. fol. 88 sqq.

Elfinen. in Hibernia Episcopo.

Emmi. Patres Sac. Concilii Tridentini Decretis Interpretandis et Visitationis muneri obeuntium postulatis audiendis praepositi, admiserunt Rev. Edmundum Duyre Procrem specialem ab A. T. deputatum ad visitanda limina Apostolorum pro Xiii^o quatriennio iuxta sa: me: Sixti V constitutionis praescriptum. Relationem status istius Ecclesiae A. T. nomine exhibitam iidem Emmi. Patres libentissimis animis audierunt et ab eis satis commendata fuit pietas et vigilantia, quam A. T. adhibet in ovibus sibi commissis custodiendis, et ut pro viribus provideatur calamitati expositae mandarunt agi cum SSmo. ut cum Regina Anglicana officia interponere dignetur, quod pro solita charitate praecise demandavit fieri; idque Amplitudini Tuae his litteris testatum esse volumus, Deum rogantes ut illam incolumem servet gratiaeque suae donis in dies magis augeat. Romae die 28 augusti, 1638.

TUAM,* 1637.

QUADRIENNIALIS RELATIO STATUS DIOECESIS TUAMENSIS PORRIGENDA EMIS. AC RMIS. DD. S. R. E. CARDINALIBUS SACRAE CONGREGATIONIS DE PROPAGANDA FIDE, PER EXIMIUM D. D. EDMUNDUM DUIRAUM SACRAE THEOLOGIAE DOCTOREM, ET NOSTRUM PROCURATOREM IN URBE CONSISTENTEM:—

Civitas Tuamensis quondam fuit celebris, in qua sita est Ecclesia Cathedralis, sancto Jarlatho primo Tuamensi Episcopo dedicata.

* Malachy Queely, appointed, June 28, 1630; + 1645.

Clerus huius Ecclesiae sunt Decanus, Archidiaconus, Praepositus, duodecim Canonici, et quinque Vicarii Chorales. In hac Civitate et tota nostra Dioecesi Catholici et Protestantes promiscui vivunt, sed Catholici sunt vigesies in numero maiori. In hac nostra Dioecesi animarum curae inserviunt quinquaginta septem, in qua ante nostram promotionem pastores erant triginta quatuor tantum. Temporibus a iure praescriptis et extra tempora Indulto Apostolico promovimus ad sacerdotium Ordinis Praedicatorum sex, Ordinis S. Augustini Erenitarum duodecim, Ordinis Minorum quatuordecim, & aliarum dioecesum tredecim. Convocatis nostrae Provinciae Praelatis post aliquot annos ab assumptione nostra in hanc Sedem, ad Provinciale Concilium in nostra Provincia a tempore suppressionis fidei Catholicae ob temporum iniuriam et Metropolitano in patria residentium carentiam non celebratum, statuta fecimus dioecesana, quae communi consensu recepta fuerunt per nostros Comprovinciales in suis respective dioecesibus; nec non Provincialia nuper per Sedem Apostolicam confirmata, quorum tenorem (Deo favente) fecimus et totis viribus faciemus in posterum observari. In omnibus, quantum tempora patiuntur iuxta praecepta sacri Concilii Tridentini, procedimus.

Dioecesim nostram divisimus in octo Decanatus, et in quolibet Decanatu instituimus virum doctum gravem et vitae irreprehensibilis pro Vicario Foraneo, qui semel in mense quolibet convocat Pastores istius Decanatus ad locum solitarium per ipsum assignatum, ubi tractant de casibus conscientiae &, ubi dictus Vicarius Foraneus strictam exigit rationem a reliquis sui Decanatus Sacerdotibus de sacramentorum administratione, modo catechizandi & aliis rebus ad profectum spiritualem tendentibus, iuxta nostram directionem. Cuilibet Foraneo pro adsistente dedimus Procuratorem fiscalem. In Concilio Nostro Provinciali pro qualibet dioecesi non inavimus Poenitentiarium et Subpoenitentiarium, necnon Examinatores secundum Concilii Tridentini praescriptum, quorum suffragiis tantum auditis Sacerdotes admittimus ad curam animarum, et studiosos ad ordines sacros. Bis aut semel ad minus in anno quolibet Vicarius Foraneus cum reliquis sui Decanatus sacerdotibus conveniunt in aliquem locum a saecularium consortio remotum ubi per aliquot dies instituunt meditationes, sua confitentur peccata, in pane et aqua ieiunant, sacrificia offerunt Deo, et preces fundunt pro Suae Sanctitatis incolumitate, Ecclesiae Dei profectu, Principum concordia et huius afflicti Regni prosperitate. Percurramus in propria persona semel singulis annis ad minus nostram Dioecesim ut Canones praescribunt et convocantes Pastores cuiuslibet Decanatus in unum locum eos visitamus non audentes prae timore adversariorum

Synodum diocesanam iuxta Juris requisitionem quotannis celebrare. Quisque Parochus nostrae dioecesis singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis suos docet Parochianos Doctrinam christianam, et nos ipsi ac alii verbi Dei Seminatore per nos approbati et assignati frequentes apud populos solemus habere Conciones.

Nos et inferiores nostri Pastores Catholicorum devotione et eleemosynis sine aliquo ecclesiastico censu sustentamur. In dioecesi hac Tuamensi sunt nonaginta Parochiales ecclesiae, oratoria sive capellae diversis Sanctis dedicatae centum octoginta sex, et diversorum Ordinum viginti et octo Monasteria, quorum quatuor sunt Ordinis Praedicatorum, tria Ordinis Minorum, quinque Tertii Ordinis sancti Francisci, Canonicorum Regularium sancti Augustini quinque, Eremitarum sancti Augustini sex, Ordinis Carmelitarum unum, Cisterciensium Ordinis duo, Monialium de Killcreventa Ordinis incogniti unum, sanctae Trinitatis unum, et sancti Joannis Baptistae unum; et haec omnia sunt destructa aut ruinam minantur. Protestans Archiepiscopi locum tenens a Serenissimo nostro Rege omnes fructus et redditus dioecesis impendit in usum uxoris, prolis et familiae suae.

In conventibus nostris post exhortationem ad virtutem examinantur Parochi de fructu vineae Christi et qui reperiuntur negligentes, aut odio a Protestantibus habentur mutantur ex uno loco in alium; qui vero maiori cum fructu laborasse inveniuntur augetur eorum commodum ut virtus remunerata crescat, et hinc pietatis et religionis in dies cernitur incrementum.

Ex nostratibus in nostra et alienis dioecesibus multa millia omnis aetatis confirmavimus et ad hoc praestandum cogebarur per mare et terras ingentia subire pericula. Ad gremium sanctae Matris Ecclesiae plusquam ducentas oves recepimus aberrantes, per Dei gratiam.

In hac dioecesi Tuamensi est Ecclesia sancto Nicolao dicata, quae quondam fuit in Collegiatam erecta per unum ex nostris Praedecessoribus et huius ecclesiae modernus Praepositus seu Guardianus nulla habita ratione decreti pontificii in contrarium aut reverentiae et obedientiae nobis suo Ordinario debitae, variis indecentibus viis et modis per dictum Dominum Edmundum Duiraeum nostrum in Sacra Curia Romana agentem proponendis et apperiendis coram Vestra Sanctitate et sacra Congregatione, conatur Clerum et populum dictae Ecclesiae Collegiatae Sancti Nicolai oppidi Galviensis et aliarum Parochiarum controversarum, nullo innixus solido fundamento, sed suffultus tantum auxilio et favore saecularium, retrahere a iurisdictione nostra et obedientia nobis debita, cui malo cum omni animi

submission rogamus Vestram Sanctitatem et Sacram Congregationem, ut dignemini praesens adhibere remedium, alioquin multa sequentur scandala et incommoda quae redundabunt verosimiliter in irreperabile praeiudicium personae meae et iuris mei ordinarii; et supplicamus ut audacia, inobedientia, et contemptus tampestive supprimatur praedicti Guardiani, qui nos nostramque auctoritatem verbo et scripto contemnit quantum in ipso est et contumeliose sine aliqua ex nostra parte provocatione tractavit et in dies tractat; alioquin actum erit de nostro ecclesiastico Regimine.

Obnixè etiam efflagitamus ut habeatur ratio relationis quatriennis in sacra Congregatione hoc anno currente porrectae nomine Rmi. D. Episcopi Elphinensis, nostri comprovincialis, in qua multa conducentia ad bonum regimen nostrae Provinciae et aliquot ex afflictionibus Cleri et populi huius afflicti Regni ad vivum exprimuntur. Fidelitatis iuramentum praestari et emitti solitum a nostrae qualitatis personis Sedi Apostolici et Summo Pontifici, et a nobis antehac emissum, nunc iterum emittimus, voventes et promittentes nos, durante hac vita nostra, illud firmiter observaturos. In quorum fidem his subscripsimus et sigillum nostrum adposuimus suae Sanctitatis pedes osculantes.

Datum in nostra Camera privata in Hibernia die ultima septembris, Anno salutiferi partus millesimo sexcentesimo trigesimo septimo.

[L. S.]

Malachias Archiepus. Tuamen.

Fidem facio ego infraptus Dnum. Edmundum Duier visitasse Basilicam S. Pauli extra Urbem hac die vigesima tertia aprilis 1638 pro Rmo. Dno. Archiepiscopo Tuamensi. Ego Paulus Baldeschus subsacrista fidem facio.

Io D. Gio : de Bar sottaltarista di S. Pietro fo fede come Edmondo Duier di Berna (sic) ha visitato limina Apostolorum in dicta Basilica per mons. Illmo. Arcivescovo di Tuamen, in dicta basilica questo di 23 aprilis 1638

Ego Io : de Bar fidem facio.

Die 19 iunii 1638, Sacra &c. censuit dandas esse litteras testimoniales visitationis liminum Episcopo Tuamen. qui per Procuratorem in Curia existentem ex gratia Smi. admissum S. Limina visitavit pro

XIII quadriennio. Omnia in forma; quo vero ad Praepositum Collegiatae S. Nicolai Episcopum tueri debere suam iurisdictionem, et procurandum a Secretario S. Congregationis de Propaganda Fide decretum Pontificium quod supponitur hac in re factum.

[*Endorsed.* TUAMEN IN HIBERNIA. RELATIO XIII QUADR. EXHIBITA A PROCRE. IN CURIA ADMISSE IUXTA FORMAM DECRETI S. D. N. IN CONGNE DE PROPAGANDA FIDE.]

Ex Regesto Letter. Responsorialium Visitationis. S.S. Liminum. Vol. VII. folio 86.

Thuamen. Episcopo

Reverendus admodum Edmundus Duireus procurator quamvis non ablegatus ex benignitate tamen SSmi. D. N. ad beatorum Apostolorum limina visitanda admissus fuit, et Ampl. Tuae nomine eadem sacratissima limina pie pro XIII quadriennio visitavit, deque istius ecclesiae statu ea retulit ex quibus satis Eminentissimis Patribus innotuit illius vigilantia Pastoralis. Ideoque posthabitis exhortationibus quoad propositas differentias cum praeposito Collegiatae Sancti Nicolai responderunt Amplitudinem Tuam tueri debere iurisdictionem suae ecclesiae, procurando decretum pontificium quod supponitur super illis factum. Interim Divinam clementiam precantur ut A. T. diu incolumem servare et suae gratiae donis in dies magis cumulare dignetur. Romae die 28 Augusti 1638.

KILDARE,* 1637.

RELATIO STATUS ECCLESIAE KILDARENSIS IN HIBERNIA ANNO DOMINI 1637.

Cum quartus nunc instet annus in quo secundum formam iuramenti fidelitatis in consecratione mea me adstrinxi, teneam Apostolica limina visitare et Smo. Dno. Nro. aut Eminentissimis et Rmis. DD. Cardinalibus a sua sanctitate ad id deputatis rationem reddere de

* Roche Mac Geoghegan, appointed, Feb. 12, 1629; died, 1641.

toto meo pastoralis officio et de rebus omnibus ad statum ecclesiae Kildarensis et cleri populique disciplinam animarumque salutem pertinentibus, nec obligationi huic in propria persona mea satisfacere valeam tum propter eminens vitae periculum, aut certae incarcerationis, quod inevitabiliter incurrerem, si ab adversariis fidei eundo aut redeundo comprehenderer, tum etiam propter expensas non modicas ad tam longum iter necessarias, quas Episcopi Hiberni, ecclesiasticis redditibus privati, habere non possunt; ideo pro reddenda hac relatione prout convenit assignamus et deputamus Rdm. Dnum. Antonium Jacobi sacerdotem et Procuratorem nostrum in Curia, quem pro declarando totius dioecesis nostrae statu specialem nunc in nostrum nuncium nominamus et instituimus.

De hoc autem ecclesiae Kildarensis statu integram declarationem misimus Romae anno domini 1633 et nunc nihil ad illam addendum occurrit, nisi quod ad numerum Capellarum addendas invenimus alias quinque, nam numerus illarum integer est 61; monasteriis autem virorum addenda sunt tria, quia sunt undecim numero, cum tamen in priori relatione non numerentur nisi octo tantum, et unum sanctimonialium; ad hospitalia infirmorum coniungendum est unum, ita ut illorum numerus sit quaternarius, et ad coemeteria consecrata ab ecclesiis disiuncta, connumerandum est aliud, quia sunt undecim numero. Haec autem omissa sunt in priore relatione propterea quod capellae et aedes ecclesiasticae in hoc Regno maiori ex parte a Protestantibus diruta sunt vel in saecularium hominum habitationes transmutatae, et ita in prioribus visitationibus decerni non poterant omnia aedificia ecclesiastica, donec per longam experientiam et inquisitionem reperta fuerunt. Sacerdotum autem Catholicorum huius dioecesis idem est numerus qui in priori exisistit, nam quamvis duo e priori numero ex hac vita migraverint, alique duo religionem ingressi sint, et alius propter suas culpas a regimine animarum sit absolutus, eorum tamen loca suppleverunt alii supervenientes, ita ut integer eorum numerus sit modo 28 sicut prius. De numero vero communicantium et non communicantium certum dare computum non audemus, sicut nec in priori informatione, propter rationem in eadem assignatam, nam ex hac enumeratione plebis (si exacte fieret, prout in ecclesiis ordinatis desideratur), iudices Protestantes Regii sinistre scripturam nostram interpretantes, arbitrarentur forsitan nos aliquid moliri adversus publicam pacem et regimen Regium et tamquam talis culpa reos nos existimarent; ideoque computum communicantium et non communicantium pro nunc onitendum duximus, donec tempus illum fieri permittat.

A visitatione autem huius dioecesis in propria persona, et ab

executione officii nostri in publico, prout solebamus, impedimur his duobus annis occasione cuiusdam sacerdotis Bartholomaei Moor nominati, qui cum curam animarum in parochia Nassensi huius dioecesis exercuisset et in graves culpas enormiter incidisset, nec emendationis spem de se praestitisset, absolutus fuit a suo officio, et ille, vindicandi animo, Proregem Regni Protestantis adivit, eique manifestavit nos in hoc Regno exercere munia episcopalia a Romano Pontifice derivata, contra statuta legesque Parlamentales tempore Reginae Elisabethae hic institutas et firmatas, quibus, sub poena amissionis omnium bonorum pro prima vice, et perpetuae incarcerationis pro secunda, et sub poena criminis lesae maiestatis pro tertia vice, prohibetur ne aliquis in hoc Regno Hyberniae aliquam potestatem, iurisdictionem aut officium a Romano Pontifice quovis modo derivatum recipiat, exerceat aut quavis ratione utatur. Hanc Bartholomaei Moor querelam Prorex libenter acceptavit eamque secundum legum exigentiam prosequendam remisit Curiae Regiae, ex qua plurimi processus et mandata emanarunt contra me his praeteritis annis; et quoniam adhuc iudices praefatae Curiae me invenire non poterant, modo minantur me tamquam rebellem et legibus Regni contrarium denunciare, et sic, ubicumque me latitantem comprehendant, et poenis praedicti statuti puniant; propter quod deinceps impediatur ab executione mei officii nisi dicti processus legum contra me revocentur et impediantur. Nec mihi soli hoc imminet periculum, sed omnibus etiam Episcopis, sacerdotibus et religiosis huius Regni qui aliquam facultatem aut iurisdictionem a Romano Pontifice provenientem habent, accipiunt, aut exercent: imo etiam et contra omnes Catholicos saeculares totius Regni statutum illud et ponae omnes in eo taxatae exequi poterunt quotiescumque placuerit iudicibus Regni eos rigore examinare de professione suae fidei et de receptione sacramentorum, quae suscipere tenentur quotannis, scilicet, Eucharistiae et poenitentiae, quorum administratio sine Romani Pontificis potestate et iurisdictione nec dari nec recipi nec quovis modo exequi potest. Et ita si lex illa Parlamentalis aut statutum contra me mandetur nunc executioni, erit in praeiudicium omnium Catholicorum huius Regni, tam Ecclesiasticorum quam laicorum, quia eodem modo contra quemlibet eorum exequi poterit sicut contra me. Ego igitur tam pro me quam illis omnibus conveniens aliquod remedium adhiberi desidero contra executionem praefati statuti, maxime tendentis contra professionem fidei Catholicae.

Et haec sunt quae de statu huius nostrae dioecesis nunc referenda occurrunt. In quorum fidem his manu propria subscripsimus et

sigillum nostrum apponi curavimus. Datum in latibulo nostro in Hybernia die 15 novembris anno domini 1637.

[L. S.]

fr. Rochus

Eppus Kildariensis.

Illmo. e Rmo. Monsre.

Io D. Gio : de Bar sott'altarista di S. Pietro fo fede come Il Sig. Abbe. Commrio. Antonio Jacomo d'Ibernia ha visitato limina Aplor. in dicta Basilica questo dì, tre di maggio 1638 in nome di Mons Vescovo di Kildaren. in Hibernia. Ego Io : de Bar fidem facio.

Die 3 maii 1638.

Pro Illmo. Dno. Fr. Roccho Epo Kildariensi Antonius Jacobi sacerdos Hibernus visitavit Basilicam S. Pauli necnon sacra Apostolorum limina die supradicta. In quorum fidem Ego D. Augustinus Romanus Monachus Cassinensis et eiusdem Basilicae Sacrista hanc scripsi propria manu.

[*Endorsed.* KILMORIEN (sic) IN HIBERNIA RELATIO
XIII QUADRIENNII EXHIBITA A PRORE IN CURIA
EXISTENTI DIE 4 MAII 1638. 18 IULII 1638 EX-
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DOWN AND CONNOR,* 1639.

Emme ac Rme Domine.

Quadriennio abhinc meae qualiscumque in Dunen. et Conorensis Ecclesiarum mihi, licet indigno, commissarum regimine, retroactae villicationis ratiocinium ad Urbem et quidem magna cum difficultate per P. fratrem Antonium Dunganum Ordinis Divi Francisci de observantia presbyterum, meum ad id negotii procuratorem, destinavi, quia ipse personaliter comparere nequibam. Idem ego nunc quoque agnosco et fateor me ex debita S. R. E. obedientia in qua vivo et (per Dei gratiam moriar), et ex Sacrosancti Concilii Tridentini de-

* Bonaventure Magennis, appointed, April 22, 1630; died, 1640.

cretis quibus ego in omnibus morem pro viribus gerem, debere et teneri ad simile ratiocinium exhibendum. Verumtamen eo paupertatis (proh dolor) hic ventum est, ut nec me Emmi Viri conspectui praesentare queam, nec quemquam de clero meo ad Urbem mandare possim, mediis ad sufficiens pro tanto itinere viaticum necessariis deficientibus; praeterquamquod, etsi media ipsa suppeterent, navigatio per mare nostrum non est satis tuta, propter rebelles (ut fertur) Scotorum contra Regem Angliae factiones. Verum enimvero, quod solum possum exiguum et leve (sat scio) pro provinciae mihi commissae dignitate, tantum tamen et tale, quantum et quale meae vires pro hac temporum et locorum opportunitate ferunt, ratiocinium descripsi et ad Urbem transmitto per eximium Dnum. Edmundum Duyer, S. Theologiae Doctorem, in Urbe iam residentem, vestro et reliquorum Emorum S. Concilii Tridentini Patrum conspectibus meo nomine porrigendum et exhibendum; in quo, si quod laudabile factum in Vestro Emmo conspectu reperietur, omnium donorum bonorum datori Deo optimo Maximo refero et attribuo

Ego Emmae ac Revmae D. Vrae.
humillimus servus

Fr. Bonaventura
Epus Dunen et Coneren.

Datum ex loco meae mansionis
in Hybernia hac 17 aprilis 1639

Emmo Dno. Praefecto C. S. Con: Trid.

Emmi. ac Rmi. Domini

Quadriennii elapsi iam ab eo tempore quo ultimo meae in Epali. munere villicationis rationem ad Urbem transmihi, subsequens hoc breve de meo regimine cura et functione in Dioecibus Dunen. et Conerensi mihi, licet indigno commissis, ratiocinium descripsi; et quia ipse ego, propter temporum et locorum incommoda, in eo, in propria persona, exhibendo, debitam S.R.E. obedientiam exhibere nequaquam possum; transmitto VV. Emmis. ac Rmis. DD. humiliter meo nomine porrigendum per eximium Dnum. Edmundum Duyer, S. Theologiae Doctorem, nunc in alma Urbe residentem, meum ad id negotii procuratorem legitime constitutum; quo perlecto, si quae (ut fortassis multa) in me censura, correctione, reprehensione, aut

monitione digna reperientur, Vrae et S.R.E. monitioni, reprehensioni, correctioni et censurae submissionem et obedientiam, sine ulla obloquutione et tergiversatione, promitto, spondeo et voveo.

I. Bis quotannis Dioecesanam Synodum convocavi, ibidemque quae mihi videbantur ad bonum Ecclesiae et subditorum meorum aeternam salutem conducere quaedam condidi statuta, promulgari feci et observari mandavi, et pro viribus curavi. De cleri mei doctrina et moribus diligens examen institui et perfecti, assistantibus mihi synodalibus examinadoribus et speculatoribus; et quos innotuisse contigit excessibus cum salutarem medelam tum iustam correctionem adhibere conatus sum, non sine magna cleri reformatione.

II. Quinque per meas dioeceses, quos e meo clero magis idoneos reperi, elegi et constitui Vicarios foraneos, ut meorum subditorum conversationi, in suo quisque respectivo districtu, invigilarent et quae relatu digna contingerent ad me singulis trimestribus deferrent; magnum (Deo laus) ad fraenandos (ut experientia didici) subditos a vitiis auxilium.

III. Sacrosancti Con: Trid: decretum de praemittendis matrimonio trinis admonitionibus seu denunciationibus, quod, aut hic ab initio non fuit receptum aut, certe receptum, Pastorum incuria paene exsolevit, efeci ut vim et robur iam obtineat, ita ut nullus laicus de meis dioecesibus nunc audeat matrimonium contrahere, aut parochus contrahendo assistere non praemissa trina, eo modo quo Concilium statuit, denunciatione.

IV. Sustuli et penitus (Spiritu Scto. cooperante), exstinxì qui hic (durante schismate) inveteravit abusum participandi cum schismaticis in sacramentis matrimonii et Baptismatis; antea siquidem religioni [adversari] non ducebatur protestantem et catholicum inire matrimonium, etiam praesente parochò, et benedictionem accipere; et catholicus frequenter suscipiebat protestantis prolem, baptizante ministro protestante, et vice versa protestans admittebatur susceptor in Baptismate prolis Catholicorum, ministrante etiam catholico sacerdote.

V. Variis temporibus lapsos a nostra fide plusquam quadraginta ad veram fidem reduxi.

VI. Vicies mille hominibus et amplius sacramentum Confirmationis administravi.

VII. Cuiuslibet parochi paramenta et altaris utensilia curavi per meos in suo cuiusque respectivo districtu foraneos inspicì quolibet trimestri, et inidonea aut indecora ad sacrum ministerium reperta quae sunt amoveri, et hac in re deficientem ad maturam reparationem non absque merita mulcta compelli.

Atque haec sunt quae inter mei pastoralis officii muneris susceptos hoc quadriennio labores praecipua (non quod ea insigni aliqua nota digna sint, sed quia hic, si non omnino insolita, minus tamen per aliquot annos usitata sunt) notavi, et mei manuali subscriptione et sigillo munita transmitto VV. Emmis. ac Rmis. DD. quas Deus Opt : Max : diu et feliciter ad sui nominis gloriam et Eccliae. utilitatem et splendorem conservet. Datum ex loco meae mansionis in Hybernia hac 17 Aprilis 1639.

Eminentissimorum ac RRorum. DD. VV.

Humillimus servus

[L. S.]

Fr. Bonaventura

Epus Dunen, et Coneren.

Io D. Gio : de Bar sotto Altarista di S. Pietro fo fede come il Sig. Edmondo Duier ha visitato limina Apostolorum in dicta Basilica in nome di Mons Illmo. Vescovo di Dunnense in Hibernia in dicta Basilica questo di 9 novembre 1639. Ego Io de Bar, manu pria.

Rdus D. Edmundus Duier pro Illmo et Rmo D. D. Epo Dunnen. et Conneren. in Hibernia visitavit Basilicam Divi Pauli necnon sacra Apostolorum Limina die 9 novembris. Fidem facit D. Augustinus Mcus. et Sacrista eiusdem Basilicae. D. Augustinus m. pria.

[*Endorsed. DUNEN : Vis° SS° LIMINUM, PRO 15 QUADRIENNIO. Die 13 ianuarii 1646. S. Cong° censuit dandas esse litteras visitni. sacrorum liminum pro XV quatriennio quae contineant etiam responsiones per eandem S. Congreg. datas ad exposita in praesenti relatione prout latius in Registro Litterarum continetur.**]

WATERFORD,† 1639.

Reverendo admodum Dno. D. Edmundo Duyreo sacrae Theologiae Doctori, Prothonotario Apostolico, et Imolacensis dioecesis archi-

* Missing.

† Patrick Comerford, appointed Feb. 12, 1629 ; died 1652.

diacono, salutem :—Per hoc praesens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat evidenter et sit notum, quod nos Fr. Patricius, Dei et Apostolicae Sedis gratia episcopus Waterfordiensis & Lismorensis, fecimus, constituimus et nominavimus, sicut modo facimus, constituimus et nominamus Te praefatum D. D. Edmundum Duyreum nostrum verum, certum et legitimum procuratorem ad visitandum limina Apostolorum omni meliori forma et modo, quibus visitare tenemur ceremoniasque quascumque in praemissis fieri solitas faciendum : cum ob locorum distantiam, itineris periculum, temporum iniquitatem, et sumptus defectum id muneris personaliter praestare non valeamus. In quorum fidem et robur his subscripsimus & sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus in loco nostri refugii intra fines nostrarum dioecesium hac die 15 novembris 1639.

Fr. Patricius Waterfordiensis &
Lismorensis Episcopus.

Ad sacram Concilii Tridentini Congregationem :

Cum ob ingentem locorum intercapedinem, necessarii sumptus defectum, innumera eaque imminetia terra marique pericula, mihi impossibile sit limina Apostolorum personaliter visitare, id per Procuratorem praestare satis esse provide decrevit Summus Pontifex. Ut ergo missa faciam labores et molestias quae annuatim suffero in decursu meae visitationis, dum per Protestantium colonias, easque nonnullas, furtim incedere cogor ad tuguria parochorum ; difficultates et contradictiones quae quotannis sese offerunt in cogenda synodo dioecesana, dum aliquam humilem casam vix obtinere valeo in remoto aliquo et abdito Dioecesis angulo ; pericula et aerumnas quae devorare necesse est, dum Confirmationis sacramentum ministrare perambulo, dissidentium lites compono, delinquentibus poenitentiam statuo, pravos abusus averruncare studeo, praesertim in deplorabili hoc rerum statu, in quo incorrigibiles et inobedientes, praeceptis sacrorum Canonum repagulis, ad partes Protestantium confugere, aut Catholicos Episcopos ad iudicium saeculare Protestantium trahere non vereantur.

De ecclesiis harum unitarum dioecesium id tantum dicere habeo quod omnes et singulae sunt in potestate cleri heterodoxi, sicut et bona et possessiones earumdem ; mihi autem et parochis meis reli-

quum est vivere ex parentum, propinquorum et amicorum benevolentia. Et cum multi Catholici laici vel dono Regis vel pretio soluto possideant multa bona ecclesiastica, dignum foret ut mandatis Summi Pontificis prohiberentur ea detinere nisi certam aliquam partem eorumdem bonorum clam erogarent in Episcopos et parochos qui curam animarum gerant; alias censerentur malae fidei possessores, non obstante quacumque praetensa dispensatione aut Parlamenti statuto.

In his unitis Dioecesibus numerus Ecclesiarum omnis generis est 170 paulo plus minus. Numerus vero Monasteriorum tam virorum quam mulierum quindecim. Hospitalium denique 12. Monasteria omnia (quod non sine dolore reminiscor) sunt diruta, sicut et ecclesiae, ut plurimum: Protestantium enim Clerus est parum sollicitus de fabrica ecclesiarum, nimis autem anxius in colligendis decimis, obventionibus et mulctis pro Sacramentis clam administratis per nostros Parochos.

Totus Clerus Catholicus in his unitis dioecesibus est numero 104 ex quibus sunt saeculares 59, Regulares vero 45; ex saecularibus, 45 administrant parochias et curam animarum laudabiliter sane et cum magno animarum lucro; alii vero 14 agunt Capellanos in privatis domibus Catholicorum. Regulares autem strenuam operam impendunt in hac vinnea excolenda. Confluunt in dies plures ecclesiastici ex ultramarinis regionibus, sed in turbato hoc rerum statu Hybernia tot gravaminibus et calamitatibus oppressa et innumeris Protestantium coloniis oncrata impar est ferendo tot Ecclesiasticos; et verendum est, quod, nisi Summus Pontifex quantocius modum statuatur huic numerositati, Protestantium potestas durius aget cum nobis omnibus.

Utraque dioecesis distincta est in quatuor Decanatus, et in unoquoque singulis bimestribus fiunt Conferentiae casuum conscientiae, non sine magno Parochorum commodo. Conciones sunt frequentes satis in Civitate et praecipuis oppidis, doctrina etiam christiana. Ruri autem, licet non adeo frequentes conciones, frequentior tamen doctrina christiana; et hinc est quod rudiores in dies magis et magis proficiunt in ea. Scholas publicas nullas habemus nisi quas tenent Protestantes; lege enim Regni sic est statutum.

Nullus permittitur matrimonium inire, sine expressa licentia Pseudo-episcopi in scriptis, pro qua singuli Catholici pendunt triginta iulios, alii plus alii minus praeter stipendium Pseudoministri.

Pro clandestinis baptismo et purificatione, quae fiunt a nostris Parochis, Catholici parentes prolis baptizatae coguntur solvere Pseudoministro sex iulios cum dimidio.

Pro Paschali communione clandestina singuli Catholici coguntur solvere Pseudoministro dimidium iulii.

Nullus Catholicorum sepeliri permittitur nisi prius solvantur Clero protestantico septem iulii.

Si contingat aliquem Catholicum a Pseudoepiscopo excommunicari (quod saepissime fit) imponitur ei magna poena pecuniaria et cogitur ad absolutionem recipiendam flexis genibus a pseudoepiscopo.

Non sine maximis expensis coguntur Catholici ecclesias Parochiales ut plurimum dirutas, et quas soli Protestantes frequentant restaurare, libros protestanticos Communium Precum et cyphos communionis calvinisticae et superpelliceum et pulpitem et alia utensilia ad ritum calvinisticum emere et tradere pseudoministris.

Magistratus Catholici coguntur Civem Catholicum excommunicatum a pseudoepiscopo in carcerem intrudere vi mandati Regii de excommunicato capiendo.

Pseudoepiscopus multis minis deterret parochos nostros ne assistant matrimoniis Catholicorum, nisi prius ipsis constet de eius licentia in scriptis habita.

Ex singulis domibus penduntur in substantatione pseudoministri illius Parochiae nunc sesqui iulii, nunc amplius.

Innumerae sunt praetensae causae propter quas saepius citantur et trahuntur nimis afflicti catholici ad curiam pseudoepiscopi, in qua eorum marsupia evacuantur et exsuguntur; si poenitentiam quampiam statuatur, eam statim commutat in poenam pecuniariam, nunc 5 nunc 10 nunc 20 nunc 40 et amplius Ducatorum, quos in privatum suum usum convertit.

De persecutionibus quae saepius contra catholicos excitantur longum esset recensere singula; nunc expilantur, nunc enim augere rem familiarem permittuntur; nunc deglubuntur et excoquantur; nunc iterum vires resumere tolerantur ut tandem expilentur. Sed, laus Deo, Hyberni fuerunt semper et dum modo sunt fidei Catholicae tenacissimi, vicinis nationibus fide praepollentes, et in sincera erga Romanam et Apostolicam Sedem obedientia adeo constantes ut nullis gravaminibus, nullis pressuris, nullis denique cruciatibus ab ea vel latum unguem dimoveri umquam potuerint; et hinc est quod vicinorum Regnorum heretici scurriliter loquentes soleant per modum sarcasmi dicere "Hibernos esse Papistas a natura ingenitos"

Protenduntur haec unitae dioeceses in longitudine ad triginta milliaria Hibernica, quae paria sunt viginti leucis Italicis; in latitudine vero nunc sese contrahunt ad pauca milliaria, nunc sese porrigunt ad viginti milliaria.

Incolae utrarumque Dioecesium sunt et Hiberni et Angli permixtim: Hiberni ferme omnes sunt Catholici: vix enim viginti vel triginta in utraque dioecesi frequentant ecclesias et ritus protestantium; Angli autem, ut plurimum, sunt Protestantes, exceptis viginti vel eo circiter. Clerus Protestanticus est numerosus et in dies augetur prout augentur reditus; vix tamen est unus vel alter Hibernus in utraque dioecesi qui ministrum agat Protestanticum. In utraque dioecesi sunt duo Comites Protestantes, tres Barones protestantes, tres vel quatuor equites aurati protestantes: praesidiarii milites et duces et castellani sunt protestantes. Omnes ministri Regii, qui per ambas dioeceses praesunt Basilicis mercium et colligendis tributis vectigalibus et gabellis regis sunt protestantes.

Visitaturus limina Apostolorum per procuratorem meum haec habui dicere ex quibus colligi potest status nostrarum dioecesium Waterfordiensis et Lismorensis, in quibus administrandis non tam honos quam onus, non tam opes quam opus mihi accrescit; interim faxit Deus ut curae mihi commissae pro debito satisfaciam, et illustrissimas et Reverendissimas Dominationes Vestras exoratas enixius deprecor, quatenus dignentur se mihi favorabiles praestare apud Sanctissimum Dominum Nostrum dum aliqualem gratiam in meam et meorum consolationem, et levamen meae Curae per Procuratorem supplicavero. Illustrissimas et Reverendissimas Dominationes Vestras orthodoxae suae Ecclesiae diu servari incolumes supplicibus votis postulat

Fr. Patricius Waterfordiensis
et Lismorensis Episcopus.

Datum in loco nostri refugii
intra fines nostrarum dioecesium
hac die 14 novembris 1639

Io D. Gio. de Bar sott' Altarista di S. Pietro fo fede come Il Sig. Edmondo Duier ha visitato limina Apostolorum in dicta Basilica per Monsre. Illmo. Vescovo di Vaterfordia e Lismoren in Hibernia questo di primo di febraro 1640. Ego Io. de Bar manu propria.

Fidem facio ego Claudius Galluccius Cappellanus Basilicae S. Pauli extra Urbem qualiter Illmus. et Revmus. D.D. Edmundus Duyer visitavit limina Apostolorum in supradicta Basilica S. Pauli

nomine Illmi. et Revmi. D. Episcopi Waterforden et Lismoren in Iberniam; hodie 31 ianuarii 1640.

Claudius Galluccius manu ppria.

[*Endorsed.* LISMORENSIS ET WATERFORDENSIS. VIS^o SS. LIMINUM PRO 14 TRIENNIO. Die 16 ianuarii 1644. Sacra Cong^o mandavit dari litteras Visitnis SS. Liminum in forma Epo. Lismorensi sacra limina per Procuratorem ablegatum visitanti pro 13 quadriennio, quae contineant etiam responsiones sacrae Congregationis ad proposita in relatione, ut latinis in registro Litterarum * continetur.]

DUBLIN,† 1641.

Emtissime Domine,

Pro nostra erga Sedem Apostolicam et Eminentissimam Dominationem Vestram observantia, latorem harum, R. D. Mauritium Vardaeum e grenio nostrae dioecesis sacerdotem, eo ad Vos mittimus, ut de more limina Apostolorum nostro nomine visitet, ac Ecclesiae nostrae status facilius vobis innotescat. Cuius quidem Ecclesiae facies eadem plane est quae superioribus annis; nisi quod eam deturpare conentur, qui eidem illustrandae auxilio potius esse debebant. Illi sunt monachi Cistercienses nescio quid iuris in parochias nostras praetendentes, quod antiquitus ut aiunt ante exortum schisma ad dicti Ordinis Abbatias earum collatio spectaverit; nihil interim authenticum eam in rem in medium proferentes. Unde fit ut parochis a nobis promiscue constitutis haud vulgariter molesti sint, gregi Catholico scandalosi, et Hierarchicae subordinationi plane inimici. Etenim parochis censuras et suspensiones palam cominantur, si in posterum autoritate nostra iis in locis sacramenta administrent; populo et tenero gregi orthodoxo hisce turbulentis temporibus nullitatem absolutionis a parochis nostris ipsis impertitae propalam et e pulpito proclamare non cessant, et si quos forte repperint e nostris sacerdotibus magis discolos et ad licentiam pronos ipsis parochias illas quales in titulum ultro obtrudere praesumunt quo liberius sese e nostra ferula et disciplina ecclesiastica subducant, utpote a solis monachis suum ius derivantes. Ex quo facile colligit Emtissima. D.V. quam sint nobis non mediocriter graves, quam infirmo gregi

* Missing.

† Thomas Fleming, appointed Oct. 23, 1625; died 1655.

periculosi, si latius serpat cancer. Certe ut lenissime dicam, videtur ex patre diabolo succrescere haec domestica contentio, sopitis aliquantulum prioribus; ut populus hactenus similibus discordiis laceratus tandem absumatur, adeo ut sacramenta frequentare aut negligat aut certe cum conscientia dubia suscipiat. Utrumque enim ordinaria iurisdictio stare nequaquam potest. Porro istarum parochiarum continua possessio fuit penes nos et penes praedecessores nostros his centum plus minus annis, si non ab ipso fundatae fidei exordio; et tamen monachi vix hic a triennio noti parochos nostros viros doctos ac graves, immo et quosdam in Sacra theologia supremam lauream adeptos, ab ipso altari, populo spectante et immanem barbariem detestante, ab omnibus pastoralibus muniis abigere non verentur; adeo ut nuper iuenculum quemdam monachum in religione nondum triennalem non puduerit glebam in usum sepulturae benedicendam, in plena ecclesia, viro gravi prothonotario apostolico, S. Theologiae doctori, iam quidem nostro paroco, sed olim ab annis plus quam viginti alibi Apostolico Vicario, titulo pastoralis iurisdictionis eripere, populo adeo in monachum excandesciente, ut parochianorum non nemo eum intra sacellum palam provocaverit, ut paenas meritas daret. Quae omnia cum iniurosa sint, cum nobis de eorum titulo nihil constet, nec ipsi quidquam authenticum canonice proferant quo illas sibi parochias vindicent, dignabitur, Emtissima. D.V. pro ea qua fertur erga hanc vineam cura et solitudine tempestatem hanc sua et Apostolica auctoritate quantocyus sedare, et pauculas scintillas priusquam in flammas erumpant ad petram allidere, ne alias populus Catholicus in devotione et religione vacillet, clerus ob depressam auctoritatem in suo munere tepescat, et haereticorum risus, semper ad misérias et iurgia nostra pronus, ex frequentibus dissidiis eousque procreetur, ut merito identidem ingeminare et obicere nobis possint: Ubi est Deus eorum? Quod ubi fecerit, hanc ecclesiam et clerum Dublinensem aeternum sibi devinciet. Interim Deus Opt. Max. Emtissimam. D.V. nobis et universae suae Ecclesiae diu servet incolumem. Datum ex loco mansionis nostrae, feria sexta post Dominicam Sexagesimae, Anno Christi 1640 stil. vet.

Eminentissimae Dominationis Vestrae servus

fr. Thomas Fleming

Archiepiscopus Dublinensis

Hiberniae Primas

15 die Martii 1641 stil. Novo.

[*Endorsed.* Vis^o SS. LIMINUM ARCHIEPTUS. DUBLINENSIS PRO 15 QUATRIENNIO IN HIBERNIA.]

Io D. Giovanni de Bar sottaltarista di S. Pietro fo fede come il sigre. Mauritio Vaerdeo ha visitato limina Aplorum : in dicta Basilica in nome di Mons. Illmo. Arcivescovo di Dublin questo die 23 Ottobre 1641

Ego Io : de Bar manu ppria.

Fidem facio ego Claudius Galluccius Cappellanus Basilicae S. Pauli extra Urbem, qualiter Illmus. et Rmus. D.D. Mauritius Vardeus visitavit limina Apostolorum in supradicta Basilica nomine Illmi. et Revmi. D.D. Archiepiscopi Dublinen. Hodie 23 octobris 1641. Claudius Galluccius manu ppria.

Ex Regesto Litterarum responsorialium Visit. SS. Liminum VII. folio 226 sqq.

Dublinien. Archiepiscopo Hiberniae Primati :

Accessit nuper Procurator ab A. T. pro sacris liminibus visitandis specialiter delegatus Rev. Mauritius Vardaeus, Presbyter istius Dioecesis, et ex gratia SSmi. D.N. ad id muneris pro XV quadriennio ob praesentes bellorum calamitates admissus (cum alioquin ex praescripto Constitutionis Sixti PP V sa. me. Canonicus Ecclesiae Cathedralis ablegari debuisset). Attulit quidem ipse Epistolam Amplit. Tuae, quae de monachis Cisterciensibus iura sibi in Parochiis vindicantibus plurimum conquereretur; eaque Emmi. Patres S.R.E. Cardinales Ecclesiarum sollicitudinibus praepositi lecta, vehementer indoluerunt, quod superseminante homine inimico zizania Ecclesia Hibernica laicorum religione ac zelo laudatissima, ipsorum ecclesiasticorum inanibus dissidiis quotidie conteratur, et schismata sint inter vos, quibus in vituperium ministerii nostri non Brittannicam tantum sed universam Catholicorum contristatis Ecclesiam. Hunc quis errorem a vobis auferat, si vos elegit Dominus ut errores auferatis ceterorum? Habetis Sac. Conc Tridentinum in Parochiis iura praescribens; novissime vero sa. me. Gregorii Papae XV Constitutionem super exemptorum privilegiis editam modum inter Episcopos et Religiosos circa Parochiarum ministeria statuentem. Haec servate et invenietis requiem animabus vestris!

Porro quod ad SS Liminum Visitationem attinet satis mire obstupuerunt Emis. Patres quod A. T. Ecclesiae Dioecesisque suae relationem non transmiserit, sciens etenim aut scire debens sacrorum

liminum visitationem non vacuum esse ceremoniam ad Apostolicae Sedis obsequium introductam, sed Spiritus Sancti afflatu in ipso nascentis Ecclesiae exordio institutam fuisse ut Romana Sedes ceterarumque Mater et Magistra inferiorum ecclesiarum statu relato ea quae cognosceret reformet et protegat provisione aut patrocinio indigere ut uno ore per universum orbem laudemus Deum Patrem Omnipotentem.

Amplitudinis Tuae partes ergo erunt uberiores eamque omnibus absolutam numeris relationem remittere, futuram eiusdem figuram quam in extremo die aeterno Iudici de commissio sibi grege erit redditura. Eidem Amplitudini Tuae de reliquo omnia a Domino propitia postulamus. Romae; Prima octobris 1641.

LIMERICK,* 1649.

Emmi. et Rmi. DD.

Licet hisce temporibus difficillimum sit quadriennii rationem in Urbem transmittere ob varia terra marique in itinere pericula, ac bella in ipso Regno, quae excusare possent a personis transmittendis ad saecuriora tempora, tutius tamen visum iuramento facto in consecratione pro visitatione Liminum satisfacere ex parte saltem, quam incurrere periculum negligentiae. Meae itaque Dioecesis rationem simul cum his transmittito, et Canonicum qui meo nomine praesentet ac ulteriorem reddat rationem in his partibus, ut ita debito meo in parte saltem satisfaciam; ac VV. EE. manus deosculor. Limerici in Hibernia

26 Martii 1649

Emmi et Rmi DD.

servus obsequimus. et Humillimus.

Ed: Epus Limericen.

Nos Edmundus Dei et Apostolicae gratia Sedis Epus. Limericen. omnibus praesentes litteras inspecturis salutem: Quoniam gravibus huius Regni negotiis occupati, ac nostrae Dioecesis reformationi intenti sumus adeo ut cogamur per alium limina Apostolorum visitare,

* Edmund Dwyer, appointed May 23, 1646; died 1654.

decrevimus itaque Rdum. admodum Dnum. Ioannem Crevaum sac. Theo. doctorem et Canonicum nostrae Cathedralis Ecclesiae Limericensis legitimum nostrum Procuratorem constituere ac nominare, qui nostro nomine visitatis Apostolorum Petri et Pauli liminibus rationem redderet Smo. Dno. nostro conditionis huius dioecesis, cuius curam hoc triennio elapso gerimus, sicut et per hoc publicum instrumentum nominamus et constituimus dictum Dnum. Crevaum ad effectum supra. In cuius rei fidem adposuimus manum ac sigillum nostrum. Datum Limerici die 20 martii 1649.

Ed. Epus. Limericen.

Bmc. Pater

In ratione Pastoralis officii reddenda pro elapsis annis iudicavi opportunius mutationes Regni breviter exponere :

Ante tres annos magna regni pars libera fuit ab incursibus hostium praevalente Confederato milite qui sub regula et disciplina continebatur per supremum tunc Concilium ; sed factionibus inter Confoederatos crescentibus non absque aliquorum Praelatorum auxilio et consilio, vires Catholicorum in divisione minutae hostium victoriis, rapinis, sacrilegiis, incendiis locum praeberunt. Multum etiam infortunii successit ex aperta ruptura Catholicorum anno elapso et animorum dissensu contra Juramentum publicum toties publice factum de unione conservanda in causa publica Fidei et Regni, haecque dissensio accidit ob cessationem armorum per supremum Regni Concilium, ac ordinem factam contra mentem Illmi. Dni. Nuntii Apci., cum haeretico prout plenius ex relationibus, appellatione, aliisque informationibus hinc inde scriptis et Romae transmissis patebit. Mala haec in causa fuerunt, ut disciplina ecclesiastica quam, temporibus Illmi. Dni. Scarampii, Episcopi nostri introducere coeperant, omnino cessaverit et cogantur denuo iam incipere a fundamentis.

Haec itaque Dioecesis habet Cathedralem Ecclesiam sitam in medio Civitatis de Limerick amplam satis ac pulchram, sed non pro loci conditione adhuc ornatam ; in ea sunt Dignitates quinque, Canonicatus decem, Vicariiue Chorales decem, eo tandem reducti sunt, ut (licet gaudeant tertia parte fructuum, duabus aliis ex Praelatorum consensu pro sustentatione belli concessis) Officium divinum in Ecclesia quotidie recitent, quod antea a centum annis non fuit factum ; in habitu etiam et tonsura incedunt, in qua re perficienda nonnullam habui difficultatem. Civitas haec habet praeterea parochias

quatuor et duos Conventus, Sanctorum scilicet Dominici et Francisci ; in ea etiam habent residentiam et oratoria Patres Societatis Jesu, Capucini et Carmelitani discalceati, necnon Patres Eremitae S. Augustini.

In Dioecesi extat collegiata Ecclesia in oppido Killochia, in qua morantur Praepositus cum sex Vicariis et ruri triginta quatuor parochi, cum duobus Conventibus Scti. Francisci et alio Scti. Dominici ; omnes fere parochi habent duas parochias pro singulis per dispensationem Apostolicam propter tenuitatem fructuum ; plures ecclesiae destructae sunt, nonnullae ab hostibus combustae, quibus malis remedium adhiberi non potest, nisi successu temporis. Plerique Regulares praetextu privilegiorum aut facultatum concessarum tempore haeresis maxime impediunt reformationem Cleri, dum ipsi in locis tutissimis totius Regni procedunt in habitu saeculari, cum capillis oblongis more militum, celebrant in domibus privatis, ubi ecclesiae sunt apertae et bis in die ubi nulla est necessitas, nisi quam ipsi fingunt. Itaque esset ex re advertere Superiores Regularium non esse amplius licitum Regularibus Hiberniae aliter se gerere in hoc Regno quam iuxta suarum Institutionum normas. Presbyteri Missionarii magnum faciunt Fidei Catholicae augendae fructum ; in villis enim et pagis meae Dioecesis dum Missiones exequuntur maxima eos frequentia hominum insequitur, quorum plerique ad saniores vitae statum reducuntur. Eorum ministerio spero me brevi posse Clerum et populum ad antiquam devotionem reducere. Et haec est vera relatio status meae Dioecesis, quam post humillima Sctorum. Pedum oscula offero Ex oppido Killochia die 26 Martii 1649.

Ed. Limericen Eps.

Illmus. ac Rmus. Dominus Edmundus episcopus Limericensis visitavit per Procuratorem admodum Rev. Dominum Ioannem Crea S.T.D. Limina Apostolorum Sancti Pauli de Urbe, die nono julii 1649, et ego D. Dominicus Galli Romanus hoc testifcor, Vicarius eiusdem Basilicae.

QUINTIUS DE BUBALO Canonicus et Altarista : Illustrissimus et Reverendissimus D. Edmundus Limericensis Episcopus in Hibernia per admodum R. D. Ioannem Crea S.T.D. et Canonicum eiusdem

Cathedralis Ecclesiae procurator ad id deputatum, visitavit limina Sacrosanctae Principis Apostolorum Basilicae, et praesentem fidem a Nobis obtinuit hac die II Mensis Augusti, Anno 1649. Ego Francus de Sanctis Subaltarista manu propria.

Die 17 Iulii 1649 S. Congr. Concilii censuit dandas esse litteras Visitationis sacrorum Liminum in forma pro XVI quadriennio quae contineant etiam responsiones datas ad proposita, prout latius in Regesto litterarum continetur.

[*Endorsed.* REL^o STATUS ECCLESIAe LIMERICEN. IN
HIBERNIA PRO 16 QUADRIENNIO IN PROXIMA.]

Ex Regesto Litt. Respons. Visit SS Liminum, Vol. IX. fol. 67.

Perillustris, etc. Ad Apostolicam Sedem accedens Procurator ab Amplitudine Tua qua specialis ablegatus, Sacra Beatorum Apostolorum Limina pro XVI quadriennio eius nomine humiliter visitavit, et statum Ecclesiae Limericensis retulit Emis. Patribus, qui laudarent Amplitudinis Tuae pietatem et sollicitudinem in reparandis episcopalibus ruinis quae intestini belli grassantes calamitates in Dioecesi sua et in universo Regno nimis lachrymabiliter intulerunt, quae sicuti Cleri disciplinam indubitanter enervant, ita pastorale pectus Amplitudinis Tuae excitare etiam atque etiam debent, ut concussa Ecclesiasticae rei fundamenta tanto fortius eius opera stabiliantur.

Cum autem laboribus suis quibus in commissa sibi vinea excolenda diutius insudat nihil magis obstare exposuit quam nimia Regularium dissolutio atque licentia, non omitemus per Superiores ipsorum agere ut omnino suum quisque ordinem ad suarum Regularium normam reformet atque reducat.

In reliquis Amplitudini Tuae tenendum erit, quia Apostolica Sedes, quam nuper tamquam Matrem ac Magistram venerata est, omnem operam, auctoritatemque suam collatura sit, ut ea in suis necessitatibus succurrat, Ecclesiamque istam materno sinu foveat protegatque, cuius interim beneficio atque solatio, ut Deus Amplitudinem Tuam diutius incolumem servet et maiorum in dies charisma-

tum faciat ubertate laetari votis omnibus obsecramus. Romae die 17 iulii 1649.

FERNS,* 1653.

STATUS ECCLESIAE FERNENSIS EXHIBITUS PER NICOLAUM FRENCH
EIUS EPISCOPUM CONGREGATIONI SACRI CONCILII IN VISITATIONE
LIMINUM APOSTOLORUM 19 MAII 1653.

Consecratus die vigesimo tertio Novembris anno Domini 1645 in Fernensem Ecclesiam pro sponsa accepi puram a labe hereticae impietatis; in capitulo inveni quinque dignitarios nempe Decanum, Praecentorem, Thesaurarium, Archidiaconum cum decem aliis Canonici; erant parochi beneficiati viginti, qui numerus meo tempore auctus est, quibus addidi cum congrua portione decimarum e Parochiis vacantibus octodecim Vicarios, omnes sacerdotes belli impetu ex aliis Regni Provinciis extorres et exutos suis beneficiis.

Erant in dioecesi duo splendida Monasteria Ordinis Cisterciensium; unus Prioratus Canonorum S. Augustini; monasteria tria Ordinis Seti. Francisci; unum Ordinis Eremitarum Divi Augustini; unum exiguum Collegium Societatis Jesu; et tres Familiae Sanctimolium, nempe una sanctae Clarae et duo sanctae Elisabethae.

Numerus animarum secundum bonam coniecturam (certitudo capitatum non est habita) reputabatur octoginta millium, et inter tot duo tantum erant heretici. Floruit cum splendore religio spatio quatuor annorum sed serenum diem secuta est nubes, et rabies hereticorum pacificum Dei cultum evertit, Cromvello atroce militis Anglicani imperatore repentinum populo interitum inferente, qui undecimo die octobris anno millesimo sexcentesimo quadragesimo nono cum quindecim millium exercitu Wexfordiam capitalem dioecesis civitatem per impetum expugnavit, populum barbaramente occidens (nam quinque horis duravit internecio) sacerdotes mactans ad altare, res omnes sacras et pretiosas avidè diripiens, et domum meam cum tota substantia exspolians. Huius hostis amentia hodie omnes pollutae squalent ecclesiae, coenobia versa sunt in usus prophanos, bona ecclesiastica praeda furum fiunt, et vasa sacra pocula temulentorum. In hoc solo possum consolari suam Sanctitatem quod populus qui relictus est sub scelerati hostis imperio, poenis affectus gravissimis, maneat totus catholicus, gubernatus a venerabili Domino Nicolao

* Nicholas French, consecrated, Nov. 23, 1645; died 1678.

Redmond Vicario meo Generali viro pio et erudito, et Parochis viginti cum tribus Religiosis, qui pia agentes et crudelia patientes et moli-torum, sutorum, cerdonum aliorumque mechanicorum personas et artes simulantes, spretis privatis periculis, praebeant animarum pabu-lum salutis.

Solus ego a dilectissimo grege avulsus et profugus gemo inconsolatus metuens ad meos profiscisci ne fiam specialis et gravissimae persecutionis auctor, quem anno millesimo sexcentesimo quin-quagesimo in sylvis meae dioecesis spatio quinque mensium lati-tantem ut possim esse pusillo gregi solatio, quaesivit ad necem ferox hostis, aedes cuiusdam nobilis Catholici explorans, cum strictis gladiis ad me occidendum et postea comburens casam meam in sylva et domos agricolarum in quibus consueveram celebrare.

Talis est impraesentiarum pavor et persecutio populi mei valde imminuti et humiliati in terra, vix enim iam octodecim millia sunt in tota dioecesi loco octoginta millium quos inveni, suscipiens regimen animarum. In capitali vero civitate (ubi erant facile octodecim millia orthodoxorum) modo tantum vivunt quinquaginta cives Catholici, reliquis partim gladio sublati, partim in exilium acti.

Talis est Pastorum aerumna et egestas, talis vineae vastitas et animarum ruina. Ego ita affirmo manu propria die et anno supra-dictis.

Nico : Epus Fernensis.

QVINTIUS DE BVBALO canonicus et Altarista. Illustrissimus et Reverendissimus D. Nicolaus Frenech Episcopus Fernen. in Hybernia personaliter visitavit limina Sacrosanctae Principis Apostolorum Basilicam et praesentem fidem a Nobis obtinuit hac die 5 Mensis Maii Anno 1653.

Ego Franciscus De Sanctis Subaltarista manu propria.

Die 6 Mense Maii Anno 1653 Illmus. et Revmus. D. Nicolaus French Epus Fernensis in Hibernia personaliter visitavit Limina Apostolorum in Sacrosancta Patriarchali Basilica S. Pauli extra muros Urbis : de quo ego infrascriptus Ordinis S. Benedicti, Congregationis Cassi-nensis, fidem facio.

D. Michaelangelus Romanus Vicarius.

[*Endorsed.* DIE 21 IUNII 1653. SACRAE &C. DENTUR
ATTESTATIO SACRORUM LIMINUM PRO 17 QUADRIEN-
NIO IN FORMA.]

LEIGHLIN,* 1658.

Fr. Edmundus filius Vicecomitis Clanmalirae ex Illma. O'Demsiorum familia ab Urbano VIII^o ex Ordine Praedicatorum assumptus in Episcopum Laghlenae in Provincia Dublinensi in Hibernia, non valens ipse prae senio personaliter accedere ad visitanda sacra limina Apostolorum, carensque prae inopia mediis ad mittendum alium suo loco, me fratrem Richardum Longfordensem Capucinum ad hunc effectum specialiter deputavit cum hac relatione status sui suaeque Ecclesiae: ita enim in sua persona loquitur D. Episcopus:—

Ut referam, inquit, causam tam absentiae meae a dioecesi, quam eversionis Ecclesiae et dispersionis gregis mei, sciendum est Laicam illam supremi Concilii Hiberniae partem, quae per fas et nefas statuit extinguere sacram Catholicorum Foederationem, et in eius locum postliminio revocare et stabilire gubernium haereticum, coniurasse (invita altera parte ecclesiastica et etiam laica eiusdem Concilii) cum barone de Insiquin haeretico, et mediante illo cum omnibus Praesbyterianis Parlamentariis Angliae, Scotiae, et Iberniae ad reducendum Marchionem Ormoniae Puritanum in Proregem et ad expellendum Nuncium Apostolicum et supprimendum Clerum et Catholicos, idque specie quidem et nomine induciarum seu foederis antea damnati publico decreto Congregationis Praelatorum Regni, ubi omnes Iberniae Archiepiscopi plurimique Episcopi, ad foedus illud ulterius damnandum etiam censuris deputarunt aliquos Episcopos. Qui postea cernentes consiliarios illos contumaces contra Regni leges, publica pacta, comitiorum Regni generalium statuta, et publica iuramenta saepius iterata, non modo furtive conclusisse tam iniquum foedus, sed etiam, ad opprimendum Dnum. Nuncium et Catholicos, in aciem simul deduxisse exercitus schismaticos et calvinisticos; tunc ipsi uniti cum Dno. Nuncio, cum nullum aliud superesset humanum remedium, ad instantiam Cleri et Nobilium anathematis sententia percusserunt authores et fautores illius iniqui foederis et eos qui sese cum haereticis iungerent et arma sumerent contra Catholicos, etc. Politici illi desertores sacri foederis, spretis hisce censuris, tum foris ferro uniti cum hereticis, tum domi sacrilegis decretis et edictis debacchantes in Dnum. Nuncium, in Clerum et Catholicos, omnia everterunt, prodiderunt, Ormonium eiusque haereticum Gubernium reduxerunt stabilieruntque, suppresso supremo Catholicorum Concilio, regimine et Confoederatione; e Regno pro-

* Edmund O'Dempsey, appointed March 10, 1642; died 1661 (*circiter*).

fanis edictis et ferro eliminarunt Dnum. Nuncium Apostolicum mortalium omnium zelantissimum, eumque variis calumniis, libellis famosis, persecutionibus, obsidione, bonorum publicatione, incarceratione ministrorum ipsius, impie affecerunt et sinceros Regni Ecclesiasticos et Catholicos pari crudelitate affligerunt, vendiderunt, prodiderunt. Atque ita in coniuratione, contumacia et anathemate computrescentes perstiterunt, donec (a Deo puniente tantam perfidiam) provocarunt in caput suum et in totum Regnum indignationem Dei, pestem, famem, gladium, persecutionem, Religionis extirpationem; et donec a Deo excaecati sua sponte tradiderunt se et omnes Catholicos in manus impii Cromuelli et Parlamenti, a quibus multi eorum propter haec proemia acceperunt.

Constat vero ex litteris D. Nuncii et testari possunt quotquot me noverunt Itali et Hiberni quam fuerim ego fidelis, constans ac activus pro Ecclesia Dei, eiusque Ministris Apostolicis, et pro Catholico nostro foedere meoque grege, ne a seductoribus istis perverteretur; numquam declinavi a recto tramite, quo incesserunt D. Nuncius, Archiepiscopus Ardmachanus Regni Primas, Archiepiscopus Dublinensis et ceteri Episcopi et Catholici sinceri, licet fuerim ab illis refractariis varie tentatus, invitatus et violentatus prece, precio, minis, edictis perduellionis et proscriptionis bonorum. Sed haec omnia non me potuerunt separare a corpore Ecclesiae et Ministris sanctae Sedis; immo triennio toto post expulsum D. Nuncium permansi, subeundo varia discrimina vitae in sylvis, et montibus, et cavernis et locis desertis, in angustiis et inedia, congregans et cogens Catholicos ad arma et unionem; expectans e caelo vel solo auxilium; donec animadvertens supremum ducem exercitus Catholici, D. Richardum O Foerallum, dolo et machinatione pseudo-Catholicorum istorum, solum fere esse derelictum, et omni auxilio destitutum, et eversores Religionis et patriae fieri ministros et exploratores haereticorum ad nos perdendum; donec videram immanem cladem et barbaram caedem cleri et Catholicorum et dioecesis meae; donec tandem videram charissimam meam Patriam (olim sanctorum insulam et patriam) fieri praedam et speluncam haereticorum, ac destitui omni fere catholicae religionis exercitio et libertate, templaque profanari, coenobia dirui, everti altaria et sacratoria quaeque pollui; tunc tandem, et non prius, prudentissimorum monita sequutus, non tamquam Mercenarius ad consulendum vitae meae, quam pro meo grege millies profundere cupio, sed pro eiusdem gregis securitate et salute (quia illius persecutio, carceres, servitus, et strages propter meam praesentiam crescebant semper nisi me traderent) tunc inquam, coactus discessi a dulcissima Patria in durum hoc exilium, in quo

procul a carissimo populo meo, maerore et miseriis quotidie lacrimis in maxillis meis plango eversionem Religionis et gregis, et sic paulatim contabesco, et nunc periissem sane inedia, nisi pietas et munificentia Exemi. D. Vincentii Gonzagae Itali, Galiciae Proregis me sustentaret; discrucior autem desiderio redeundi ad derelictum meum gregem ut cum ipso citius moriar vel in miseriis aliquanto diutius subsistam. Quia tamen omnes praevident ex meo reditu centuplicandum esse persecutionis incendium, ideo pro eis quotidie moriens sed misere vivens, orare et per literas tantum eos solari conor.

Haec causa ruinae Religionis et patriae, et ratio absentiae et exilii mei. Quod autem spectat ad Dioecesim, Ecclesiam, et Clerum meum, flens dico, omnes fere perierunt. Periit Dioecesis mea Catholicissima, ubi (evulsa nuper et radicitus extirpata haeresi) floruit Catholica Religio, et ita viguit pietas et ecclesiastica disciplina, ut non semel ob hoc fuerit ab ipso Nuncio dilaudata. Perierunt, proh dolor! et hoc modo perierunt Dioecesani: Postquam Puritanus ille Ormonius eiusque asseclae politici Catholici, Clanrichardius, quinque Consiliarii, et eorum Complices, tradiderunt Provinciam, Civitates et reliqua loco Cromuello, tunc Catholici nostri sinceri ad lanienam et martyrium voluntarium deducti sunt: quidam enim eorum dire mactati sunt, alii in Americam mancipiorum instar divenditi sunt, alii vero eiecti et transplantati, alii mortui sunt, alii plusquam misere vivunt. Reliqui in dioecesi ad inimicorum obsequium relictis, servitutem serviunt durissimam, et tyrannide plusquam pharaonica opprimuntur; adhuc tamen (licet absque duce, cruce, et pastore) adeo sunt in fide constantes, ut pro ea vitam et bona sponte profundant, et ferventiores videantur evadere e saeviore persecutione, dum pro immensa persecutionis mensura multiplicet Deus auxilia suae gratiae.

Periit quoque ecclesia mea aut saltem ita est omni ornatu et suppellectili denudata, et sicut reliquae Regni Basilicae profanata ac viduata, ut iumentorum potius stabulum, quam Numinis templum et sacrarium videatur; amplissimos eius redditus inter se dividunt profani heretici, dum ego pauper et egenus inter externos alienum panem mendicare cogor et erubesco. Periere pene omnes fidelissimi dioecesis meae Pastores, qui invita politicorum et hereticorum factione perstitereunt adeo fideles Ecclesiae et mihi, ut pro Ecclesia Christi, pro disciplina et immunitate Ecclesiastica, vitam, nedum bona omnia, effuderint; nec potuerint prius a cura sibi commissa abigi, quam extincta militia, et deletis nobilibus, fuerunt cum fidei meo Vicario Generali Carolo O Nualano in exilium relegati.

Haec luctuosa rerumstrarum catastrophe; haec deploranda

ratio infelicitis villicationis meae, quam infelicior ego reddere possum, quamque ad sacros pedes Domini mei sanctissimi Patris Alexandri VII prostratus exhibeo. Et cum sim senior Provinciae Episcopus, humillime peto, ut Scta. Sedes non sinat illic prorsus extinguere religionem catholicam defectu Pastorum, cum plurimi sese offerant ad hoc malum evertendum.

Deinde ut mihi ipsi et gregi meo fiddeli impertiri dignetur Smus. suam sanctam benedictionem Apostolicam, pro qua et pro facultate absolvendi excommunicatos illos, qui Religionem et patriam destruxerunt, mihi concessa, gratias semper habebo, aganique infinitas Sanctitati Suae, quam Deus, etc.

[*Endorsed.* LAGLIEN. VISITNIS. SS. LIM. *Die S.C.c*
dandas litteras cum resp.]

Ea Regesto Litt. Respons. Visit. SS. Lim. Vol. XI. fol. 103 sqq.

Leghlenensis. Per Illris et Revme Dne. Uti Frater. Annuente SSmo. Dno. Nro., frater Riccardus Longfordensis Ordinis Capuccinorum qui Amplitudinis Tuae nomine, ad mentem Constitutionis S. Mem. Sixti V de sacris liminibus visitandis, BB. Apostolorum Basilicas veneratus est. Per Fmos Cardinales, qui a Sede Apostolica Sacro Tridentino Concilio interpretando sunt, humaniter exceptus fuit. Luctuosam ille Leghlenensis Ecclesiae descriptionem exhibuit, quae Emnos Cardinales dolore cordis intrinseco affecit: secum reputantes pristinam inclytæ Hiberniae pietatem, quae Sanctorum Insula olim appellari meruerat, nunc vero sectariorum furore percussos ibi Pastores et dispersas oves ipsamque orthodoxam fidem eversam. Sed quoniam virtus in tribulatione perficitur, et bonus est Dominus sperantibus in illum, ideo confidunt Emmi. Patres inter has rerum angustias Sacros Pastores animum non desponsuros, sed crediti sibi gregis reliquias, prout temporis ratio patietur, sedulo curaturos, salutare Dei expectantes qui non delectatur perditionibus nostris.

Ceterum quoad Amplitudinis Tuae a Leghlenensi dioecesi discessum et quoad operarios, quo eius zelus ad instaurandam in Hiberniam Catholicam Religionem, postulat, Emmi. Patres in Sacra Congregatione de Propaganda Fide agendum esse censuerunt, a qua etiam prout expedit, circa facultatem absolvendi illos qui ob narratas ab Amplitudine Tua Causas ecclesiasticis censuris obstricti sunt,

provide consuletur. Interim ab eo qui est Deus totius consolationis, Amplitudini Tuæ precamur, ut post tempestatem tranquillum faciat, et post lacrymationem et fletum, exultationem infundat.

Romæ 29 septembris 1658.

TUAM,* 1658.

In Dei Nomine Amen.

Noverint universi huius publici instrumenti tenorem inspecturi, quod anno a Nativitate millesimo sexcentesimo quinquagesimo octavo, die vero 22 iunii Pontificatus Smi. in Chro. Patris D. N. Alexandri miseratione divina PP. septimi anno quarto ; Nos Ioannes de Burgo, Dei et Apostolicæ Sedis gratia Archiepus Tuamensis in Ibernia principaliter et pro nobis ipsis omnibus melioribus modo et via causa iure et forma quibus melius et efficacius de iure possumus et debemus : facimus, constituimus et ordinamus solemniter nostrum verum, certum, legitimum et indubitatum Procuratorem Eximium ac Revmum. Dnum. Iacobum Duleum S.Th Doct. nostro nomine et pro nobis ad visitanda SS Apostolorum Petri et Pauli limina et ad præsentandam et porrigendam relationem præsentis status nostræ Archiepiscopalis Sedis et Diocesis Tuamensis cum maiori qua possumus submissione et obedientia prælibato Smo D. N. Papæ prout moris est et tenemur ; necnon Emis. DD. Cardinalibus S. Conc. Tridentini Interpretibus. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium hisce subscripsimus et sigillum nostrum apposuimus ; in loco exilii nostri, Nannetis in Britannia Armorica, Anno et die quo supra.

(L. S.)

Io Archiepus Tuamen.

De mandato Illmi : Edmundus Heyne Archidiaconus Duacen. Secretarius

TUAMIAE CONACIAE METROPOLIS STATUS ANNO 1658.

Ecclesia Archiepiscopalis eiusdem quæ Stæ. Mariæ Virginæ dicata dignoscitur, iam sævitia Sectoriorum in Hybernica diu dominan-

* John de Burgo, appointed March 11, 1647 ; died 1666.

tium fere in ruinam et omnimodam desolationem redacta est. Iure metropolitico quinque cathedralibus sibi ab antiquo suffraganeis, videlicet Duacen, Elphinen, Clonferten, Acaden. et Aladen. praeest. Capitulum ipsius constabat Decano, qui erat prima dignitas post Pontificalem; Archidiacono, Praeposito, Thesaurario et Cantore; viginti quatuor Praebendariis et aliis duodecim qui Infantes chori vocabantur nec erant Capitulares. In ipsa Civitate est Palatium Archiepiscopale nuper, hoc est ante annos octo, opera Ioannis de Burgo moderni Archeipiscopi adhuc in vivis in integrum reparatum est, et auctum a fundamentis; nunc autem usurpatum a Sectariis. In eadem erant duo Monasteria quorum unum erat Ordinis Praemonstratensis SSmae. Trinitati dicatum et dictum, alterum vero sancti Ioannis appellatum, et cuius Ordinis fuerit non apparet satis. Habet sub se octo Decanatus Rurales qui continent trecentas viginti duas Parochias. Sunt in Dioecesi quinque Abbatiae Regulares olim celebres et multum opulentae; primum locum occupat illa, de Conga, ordinis Canonorum Regularium Scti. Augustini; secundum illa de fonte S. Patritii, vulgo Ballintobyr eiusdem Ordinis; tertium illa de Mayona eiusdem etiam Ordinis; quartum illa Collis Victoriae, alias Cnockmoya, Cisterciensis Ordinis; quintum illa sanctimonialium Benedictini Ordinis vulgo dicta de Kilchrevanta, alias de casta Sylva, magnorum proventuum. Duae ecclesiae collegiatae quae ad omnia onera consueta erant sub Archiepiscopo et eius pro tempore Vicegerenti: una erat sita Galviae quae inaniter et absque ullo legitimo fundamento in iure contendebat sibi vindicare exemptionem a iurisdictione Ordinarii; altera Mayonae in qua erat quondam sedes episcopalis suffraganea Tuamensis cui iam est unita, et celeberrima Studiorum universitas. Per universam dioecesim erant plures Conventus Ordinis Mendicantium: Galviae autem ante nuperem suppressionem habitabant collegialiter PP. Societatis IESU, qui ibi docebant litteras humaniores et Philosophiam, Carmelitae discalceati, et Capucini. Erat ibi ab antiquo unus Conventus Ordinis Praedicatorum dictus templum B. M. Virginis, parte occidentali oppidi Galviensis, sicut erat alter Scti. Francisci strictioris Observantiae a parte boreali, et alter Eremitarum S. Augustini, omnes extra muros. Item Athunriae unus Scti Dominici Ordinis Praedicatorum, et Boresuliae alter eiusdem Ordinis, Dunmeriae Birminghami unus Ordinis Eremitarum S. Augustini, Belahaunis alter eiusdem Ordinis. Item Ballinrobae, Borescarae et Murskae tres Conventus eiusdem Ordinis; Carmelitarum unus Conventus Ballinsmalae et alter de Creveaghban prope Tuamiam, et tertius de Ballinihinsin in Connomara. Clarae alias Balchar prope Galwiam

unus Conventus Ordinis S. Francisci, tertiae Regulae ut creditur; Rossiriellae alter Regularis observantiae; et in insula dicta Ara Sanctorum alter S. Francisci eiusdem Regularis observantiae. In eadem insula Araniae fuit aliud Monasterium Canoniorum Regularium S. Augustini cuius nomen excidit memoriae mihi exsulanti in Galliis. Anachdunae in qua etiam olim fuit ecclesia Cathedralis, iam uti Mayonen. unita Tuamen, cuius erat suffraganea, duo existerunt Monasteria, unum dictum de Portu, Patrum Canoniorum Reg., alterum sanctimonialium Ordinis Aroacensis cuius fundator erat S. Brendannus, qui suam sororem Brigamin eo primam Abbatisam instituit.

Iam in dicta dioecesi, Archiepiscopo violenter in exilium relegato, tres Doctores, quorum duo Theologi et tertius I. U. Professor ab ipso sui Vicarii Generales, Commissarii et Officiales instituti vigilanter inserviunt et sunt percelebres praedicatores. Sub ipsis incumbunt Curae animarum sexaginta et ultra sacerdotes ab ipsomet Archiepiscopo approbati: adsunt etiam ipsis plurimi Regulares diversorum Ordinum Mendicantium et aliqui Canonici Regulares.

Census annuales huius Archiepiscopatus, terris eiusdem et decimis mensalibus bene et recte locatis, valebant ter mille libras sterling. et ultra, sed decimae terrae et proventus omnes alii percipiuntur ab usurpatoribus Anabaptistis, Independentibus, aliisque id generis et farinae Sectariis quos Deus convertat aut destruat.

Hic aliqua desiderantur, memoria non subveniente et monimentis deficientibus. De caetero relatio est vera testantibus nostra subscriptione et sigilli nostri impressione. Nannetis, 22 iunii 1658.

(L. S.)

Io, Archiepus. Tuamen.

De mandato Illmi

Edmundus Heyne Archidiaconus Duacen, Secretarius.*

[*Endorsed.* THUAMENSIS VISITATIONIS SS. LIMINUM.
Die V Obris 1658 S. C. C. dandas esse *litteras testimoniales Visit. SS. L. minum.*]

* Appended is the certificate of the visit ad Limina made by the Procurator, Aug. 3, 1658.

Ex Regesto Litt. Respons. Visit. SS. Liminum.

Thuamen. Perill. et Revme. Dne. Uti Frater. Precentor Ecclesiae Miliensis ab A. T. delegatus ut eius nomine debitum Apostolicae Sedi obsequium ad mentem Constitutionis sa. me; Sixti V de sacris liminibus visitandis praestaret, speciali Smi. Dni. Nostri benignitate humaniter admissus fuit. Veneratus deinde BB. Aplorum basilicas lamentabilem ille Thuamensis Dioecesis descriptionem ad Emos Cardinales Tridentino Concilio interpretando Praepositos retulit. Qui peramanter compatiens flagellis quibus nuper visitavit Dominus Hiberniam, dolent praeclaram Christianae Reipublicae partem sincera pietate olim florentem, inebriatam nunc esse amaritudine, et dies afflictionis super eam inductos. Sed quoniam sperantes in Domino misericordia circumdabit, sperant Emmi Patres in tenebris orituram lucem ut tenebrae fiant sicut et meridies; et interim confidunt sacros Pastores reliquias gregis perquirendo et congregando, prout rerum ac temporum angustiae patientur, et ea ratione qua sacra Congregatio de Propaganda Fide censuerit expedire, viriliter ministerium suum impleturos, nempe bonum certamen certantes, cursum consummantes, fidem servantes, ut illis corona iustitiae reponatur. Nunc Ampni. Tuae precamur a Deo ut consolationibus suis animum eius laetificet, etc. Romae V octobris 1658.

Beatissime Pater

Ioannes Archiepus Tuamen, Robertus Corcagien et Cloynen, Franciscus Aladen, et Andreas Finiboren. Episcopi, ab haereticis proscripti ex Regno Hibernico, senes, infirmi, inopes, prostrati ad sacros pedes S. V. humillime rogant quatenus dignemini dispensare cum ipsis super visitatione liminum durante tempore exilii, infirmitatis, et paupertatis eorum. Quam Deus, &c.

[*Endorsed.* HIBERNIA, BEATMO PATRI ALEXANDRO SEPTIMO PONTIFICI OPT. MAX. PRO EPIS HIBERNIAE SUPER VISITATIONE LIMINUM. *Die 2 ianuarii 1657 Sanctmus. D. N. benigne indulset ut Oratores valeant vistare SS. Limina per procuratorem existentem in Curia.*]

KILLALA,* 1659.

Anno Dni millesimo sexcentesimo quinquagesimo nono, die undecimo mensis Martii. Ego Franciscus Kirovanus, Dei et sc̃tae. Sedis Apostolicae gratia Alladensis dioecesis Episcopus in regno Hiberniae nunc autem hic Cadomi in provincia Normanniae commorans et multum desiderans satisfacere promissioni factae in consecratione mea, visitare scilicet per quodlibet vitae meae triennium, per procuratorem saltem si non personaliter, limina Apostolorum. In praesenti itaque ob senectutem, quippe in septuagesimo aetatis meae anno existens, ob defectum corporis virium et imbecillitatem, ob veram penuriam, eo quod ex mea dicta dioecesi ab incolis eiusdem Regni hereticis fuerim eiectus, et exsul factus omnibusque facultatibus et bonis privatus et expoliatus, dictae meae promissioni minime possim per meipsum satisfacere. Ideoque, ob praedictas rationes et causas procuratorem seu procuratores generales ac speciales, seu specialem tenore praesentium facio et constituo Reverendum admodum Dominum Dominum Jacobum Dulaeum, doctorem theologiae Paris. specialiter autem et expresse nomino et pro me ad praedicta limina Apostolorum per quodlibet triennium quamdiu et quotiens decens et opus erit visitandum, eaque omnia opera pia faciendum, exercendum et meo nomine praestandum, necnon singula gerendum quae egomet facerem et exercerem, si inibi personaliter adessem.

Ad quorum supradictorum finem et plenum effectum hoc praesens instrumentum feci cui subscripsi et sigillum apposui, die et anno supradictis.

(L. S.)

Franciscus Aladensis.

DEPLORABILIS STATUS CATHEDRALIS ECCLESIAE AC TOTIUS ALADENSIS IN AFFLICTO REGNO HIBERNIAE EXHIBENDUS CONG. SACRI CONCILII PER R. MUM ADM. IACOBUM DULAEUM DOCTOREM, PROCURATOREM RMI. DNI. FRANCISCI KIROVANI DICTAE DIOEC. IN VISITATIONE LIMINUM APOSTOLICORUM.

Quamvis hereticorum rabie antefata dioecesis modo sit redacta in totalem ruinam, ad manifestandam obedientiam sanctae Sedi debitam ego idem Franciscus declaro me iuxta tenorem [litterarum]

* Francis Kirwan was appointed, Feb. 6 1645 ; the date of his death given by Brady (1654) is evidently incorrect.

SSmi. Domini foelicis recordationis Domini Innocentii pp. X. fuisse consecratum Parisiis in ecclesia Scti. Lazari 1645 die dominica, 7 Maii; et confestim versus illam meam sponsam iter accepi cum magno vitae discrimine, quam tamen per integrum annum continui belli impetu ingredi non audebam; postea, divina protegente gratia possessionem dictae Ecclesiae Cathedralis Scto. Patricio dicatae (pro dolor!) usque ad terram prostratae accepi; omnesque parochias viginti circiter quinque similiter vastatas quantum potui visitavi, in quibus viginti tantum presbyteros cum totidem fere religiosis diversorum Ordinum inveni, inter quos tres erant solummodo dignitarii, Decanus, Archidiaconus, cum Cantore, nulli prorsus Canonici, neque redditus pro eis apparebant, eo quod a centum annis et ultra nullus fuerat Episcopus catholicus in illa dioecesi qui memoriam vel registrum Pastorum vel beneficiorum retineret. Tria fuerunt splendida (uti fertur) coenobia Canonicorum Regularium Scti. Augustini, unum Coenobium Sctae. Crucis, quatuor Monasteria Mendicantium, unum videlicet Eremitarum S. Augustini, alterum Scti. Dominici, duo Scti. Francisci, unum nimirum strictioris Ordinis et aliud tertii Ordinis; diversae aediculae a Scto. Brandano extructae pro Eremitis in exigua quadam insula; et mari finitimus est locus quidam celebris frequentatione peregrinorum poenitentiae causae qui vocatur Dune-Patrick; adhuc exstant parietes cuisudam devotae Cappellae in honorem Sctae. Dervillae virginis nobilis genere et miraculis clarae.

Tandem cum ircooperam reaedicare Cappellam beatae Virginis annexam vetustis parietibus supra nominatae Cathedralis Ecclesiae ab hereticis captus et in carcere quatuor annis detrusus fui simul cum illmo. ac revmo. Dno. nostro Metropolitano Archiepiscopo Tuamensi et aliis triginta Ecclesiasticis tam saecularibus quam regularibus in exilium mittendis ad Americae mundi partes; sed Adiutor in tribulationibus factus fuerat nobis refugium, ut in Gallia missi fuerimus, relictis (gratias Deo) aliquibus Ecclesiasticis nondum captis ad solatium pusilli gregis nostri.

Quantum ad populum aliquando numerosum, nunc vero pro maiori parte gladio, fame et egestate a saeculo sunt defuncti, et perpauci in carne viventes, (infinitas gratias Omnipotenti) fortes sunt in fide, quamvis severe in dies persecuti, pro quorum constantia et usque in finem perseverantiam incessanter precari teneor.

Talem esse statum istius miserrimae Dioecesis testor et humillime repraesento Congregationi Sacri Concilii cum subscriptione manus propriae et positione sigilli

(L. S.)

Franciscus Aladensis.

Illustrissimus et Reverendissimus D Francus Aladensis Episcopus Bernien. per Admodum illus & R. D. Iacobum Duleum Praecentorem Ecc. Cadrlis. Limiricensis in eodem regno suum Procuratorem visitavit limina sacrosanctae Principis Apostolorum Basilicae & praesentem fidem a Nobis obtinuit hac die 6 Mensis Iunii, Anno 1659.

Ego Francus. De Sanctis subltarista manu propria.

Die 7 Mense Iunii anno 1659

Pro Illo & Revo D. D. Francisco Aladense Epo Ibernense Admodum Rev. D. D. Iacobus Dulaeus Praecentor Eccliae Cathedralis Limericensis in eodem Regno et suus Procurator visitavit Limina personaliter Apostolorum in sacrosancta Patriarchali Basilica S. Pauli Via Ostiensi: de quo ego infrascriptus Monachus Ordinis Sancti Benedicti Congregationis Casinensis fidem facio

P. D. Petrus Paulus ab Urbe Vus.

[*Endorsed.* ALADENSIS IBERNEN VISIT. SS. LIMINUM.
Die 27 7bris 1659 C. C. C. dandas litteras respons.]

Ex Regesto Litt. Respons. Visit. SS. Lim. Lib. XI. fol. 207.

Aladensis Episcopo.

Perillustris etc. Annuente SSmo Dno Nostro rev. Iacobus Duleus Praecentor ecclesiae Cathedralis Limericensis tamquam Amplitudinis Tuae Procurator ad praestandum eius nomine debitum ex constitutione sanctae mem. Sixti Quinti de sacris liminibus visitandis Apostolicae Sedi obsequium humaniter admissus fuit. Ille veneratis sacrosanctis BB. Apostolorum Basilicis mox ad Emos ac Revmos Dnos S. R. E. Cardinales Tridentino Concilio interpretando et postulatis Episcoporum sacra limina visitantium excipiendis prae-positos luctuosam Aladensis Dioecesis conditionem retulit, qua dolore percultos cordis intrinseco Emos Patres affectit, reputantes secum pristinam gentis inclytae Hiberniae pietatem quae olim sanctorum insula meruerat appellari nunc vero sectariorum furore percussos ibi pastores et dispersas oves ipsamque orthodoxam fidem eversam. Sed quoniam virtus in tribulatione perficitur et bonus est Dominus sperantibus in illum, ideo confidunt Eminentissimi Patres inter has rerum angustias sacros Pastores animum non desponsuros sed crediti sibi gregis reliquias prout temporum ratio patietur, sedulo curaturos, salutare Dei expectantes qui non delec-

tatur in perditionibus nostris. Quam quidem animi constantiam in Amplitudine Tua agnoverunt ac laudaverunt Emmi. Patres, dum ipsa sub anno 1645 oves suas quamvis in medio luporum quasi ad occisionem ductas pastoralis visitatione lustravit. Postmodum vero in laboribus, in carceribus abundantius, in exilio et aerumna animam suam pro grege ponens Apostolicae fortitudinis et patientiae specimen exhibuerit.

Nunc ab eo qui est Deus totius consolationis Amplitudini Tuae precamur ut post tempestatem tranquillum faciat, et post lachrymationem et fletum exsulationem infundat.

Romae 27 septembris 1659.

KILMORE,* 1750.

Laurentius Dei et Aplicae. Sedis gratia Episcopus Kilmorensis volens adimplere iuramentum die suae consecrationis emissum scilicet 1 maii 1747 de reddenda singulis Quadrienniis ratione Ecclesiae suae, cum universo Clero suo ad pedes SSmi. Domini ac Patris Nostri pro-volutus, sequentem exhibet suae Ecclesiae et Dioecesis statum.

1. Haec dioecesis extenditur in longum per sexaginta milliaria et amplius, exigua est in latum, constat triginta sex Parochiis, habet-que sibi contiguas Dioeceses Midensem, Clogheriensem, Ardaghanam, Rapotensem, et Elphinensem.

2. Catholici in ea qua longe patet habitantes sunt generaliter valde pauperes neque ullus eorum est dominus vel minimi agri, occupantibus acatholoci totam terram. Quin et omnes Catholici, uno aut altero forte exceptis, coguntur habitare in humilibus et miseris domunculis, sicut et Parochi. Hinc nullus Episcopus ibidem residentiam permanentem in memoria hominum tenuit. Quin et eamdem visitanti et peragranti difficile est invenire commodum requiei nocturnae aut refectionis locum.

3. In hac dioecesi non est stabilita ab acatholicis schola ulla pro docendis filiis et filiabus catholicorum principia religionis lutheranae aut calvinianae, quales in pluribus aliis dioecesibus erectae sunt, ita disponente hucusque in favorem nostrum Providentia. Videtur etiam acatholicos non censuisse operae pretium stabilire hic similes scholas, quia non obstante longitudine dioecesis pauci sunt per latos terrae tractus immistosque lacus et steriles colles incolae, adeo ut

* Laurence Richardson, consecrated, May 1, 1747; died, 1753.

aliquando quis possit multa transire milliaria absque occurrente sibi habitatione humana.

4. In hac dioecesi generaliter singulis diebus dominicis in qualibet parochia instruitur populus in catechismo secundum normam Catechismi Romani, prout ordinavit et strictius observari fecit repetitis mandatis et admonitionibus modernus Episcopus.

5. Secundum strictum tenorem receptum fuit hic quoad Matrimonium et observatur Concilium Tridentinum, prout a sexaginta annis et amplius e statutis dioecesis apparet, quae modernus Episcopus explanavit amplius et districtius stabilivit.

6. Per eiusdem moderni Episcopi mandata et curam integre aboleri visa est a duobus annis impia et ethnica consuetudo praeparandi liquorem Spirituosum per modum convivii in funeribus defunctorum, quae in quibusdam huius dioecesis partibus antea omnino vigeat, et ex qua profanationes, ebrietates, paupertas et mors saepe saepius sequebatur.

7. Servatur antiqua huius dioecesis consuetudo ut in quolibet Decanatu Clerus omni mense quo fieri commode possit simul conveniat et tractet de doctrina theologica et de casibus in diversis parochiis occurrentibus per conferentias, quibus ultimo anno ipse Episcopus personaliter praesedit, mensibus Maii, Iunii, Iulii, Septembris, et in iisdem resolvi solent difficultates speciales.

8. Opera eiusdem moderni Episcopi factum est ut stabilita fuerit per totam dioecesim Confraternitas SSmi. Nominis IESU contra blasphemias, periuria et illicita iuramenta, virtute Litterarum Apostolicarum, unde multum diminuta est execrabilis profanorum iuramentorum consuetudo, et per indulgentias eidem Confraternitati adnexas increscere visa est Fidelium devotio.

9. Profitetur Episcopus cum tota dioecesi sua et Ecclesia obedientiam omnimodam sicut et amorem erga SSimum. Dnum. omnesque eiusdem Constitutiones, Decreta, et mandata amplectentes, proque eiusdem salute temporali et aeterna orantes illius Paternam Benedictionem prostrati implorant, hac 9 iunii 1750.

Laurentius Episcopus Kilmoriensis.

Ioannes Reilly, I. U. D. Teol. et Vicar. Gener. Kilmoriensis.

Antonius Smith, Pastor de Larrah, Vicarius.

Hugo Brady, Pastor de Killsendeny.

I. Brady, Presbr. Kilmoren.

P. Gaffney Pastor Drumreliensis.

Thomas FitsSimons Pastor de Drumlane.

Petrus Masterson, Pastor de Cavan.

Ioannes Drummond Pastor de Kihalunsi.
 Ioannes Maguire Pastor de Killassar.
 Carolus Thady Pastor de Killdallan.
 Rogerus Maguire Pastor de Kinnally.
 Petrus Brody, Pastor de Carrigallen.
 Vincentius MacLean, Pastor de Outeragh.
 Iacobus Martinus doctor Sorbonicus, Pastor de Fimperl. et Vics.
 Ioannes Prouty Pastor de Killishandra.
 Paulus Thaly Pastor de Castleterra.
 Patritius Sheridan S. Theologiæ Professor et Pastor de Oughter-
 aghy.
 Daniel Reilly Pastor de Anna
 Bernardus Cahill Pastor de Killmore.
 Daniel O Muldune Pastor de Balinrample.
 Terentius Brady Pastor de Drung.
 Michael Smith Pastor de Lavy.
 Franciscus Sheridan Pastor de Denn.
 Ioannes Reilly Doctor U. I. Parochus de Crosserlogh.
 Carolus Clancy Pastor de Rosnive et Kilasnal Vices gerens Vicarii
 Generalis in Decanatu de Rosniver.
 Molatius Myhan Pastor de Rossenver.
 Thomas Magauran I. U. D. et Pastor de Killinagh.
 Philippus Magauran Pastor de Glan et Ballanaghleragh.
 Carolus Mac Griskin Pastor de Clunclar.
 Ioannes MacParlan Parochus de Enishmeagh.
 Carolus MacHugh Pastor de Killarga, Dromhore etc.
 Ioannes Flynn Pastor de Clunloger.
 Edmundus Gargan Pastor de Mullagh.
 Bernardus Smith Pastor de Killincare.
 Ioannes Smith Pastor de Lurgan.
 Dyonisius Brady Pastor de Mayboly et Kilmainham.
 Patricius Mac Cabe Pastor de Kockbride.

Copiam hanc concordare de verbo ad verbum cum Literis originali-
 bus, etiam quoad nomina Illmi. Episcopi et Revdorum Parochorum,
 quae ego ipse exscripsi, attestor. Dublinii hac die 4 octobris 1750.

(L. S.) Thomas de Burgo S. Theologiae Doctor et Pro-
 tonotarius Apostolicus.

[Endorsed. SSMUS. DISPENSAVIT EPUM AB ONERE
 VISITANDI.]

OSSORY,* 1769.

STATUS DIOECESIS OSSERIENSIS IN PROVINCIA DUBLINENSIS, IUXTA INSTRUCTIONEM A S. CONGREGATIONE CONCILII A.D. 1725 EMISSAE, SECRETARII EIUSDEM MUNERE TUNC TEMPORIS FUNGENTE FEL. REC. PROSPERO LAMBERTINO ARCHIEPISCOPO THEODENSI POSTMODUM BENEDICTO PAPA XIV UT VIDERE EST IN CALCE PRAECLARI OPERIS "DE SYNODO DIOECESANA" INSCRIPTI A LAUDATO PONTIFICE EDITI.

Modernus porro Episcopus Ossoriensis infrascriptus consecratus fuit die 22 aprilis 1759, adiitque possessionem Ecclesiae Suae die 2 maii proxime sequentis. Quapropter hoc anno 1769 personaliter visitando sacra Limina Apostolorum, statum omni qua par est reverentia porriget dioecesis suae sanctissimo Domino Nostro CLEMENTI Papae XIV feliciter regnanti, ac sacrae Congregationi Concilii post elapsum scilicet unum decennium. Norunt quippe Sanctitas Sua et Eminentissimi Patres indultum fuisse Episcopis Hiberniae a praelibata sacra Congregatione die 10 maii 1631 annuente Summo Pontifice URBANO VIII ut singulis decenniis semel dumtaxat ad eandem visitationem tenerentur Quod indultum adnotatum reperitur in libro XIV decretorum pag 423 ut diserte refert laudatus Benedictus Papa XIV. in memorato opere lib. XIII cap. VI num. IV. Inhaerens igitur Episcopus exponens methodo recensitae Instructionis relationem hanc in novem distribuit paragraphos.

I.

Ut autem ab ovo uti aucti incipiat, primus praefatae dioecesis Episcopus fuit sanctus Kiranus, sanctorum omnium qui in Hibernia nati sunt primogenitus, parentibus ethnicis in Ossoria saeculo Ecclesiae quinto ortus. Iuvenis in transmarinas partes profectus Romae christianam religionem amplexus est ibidemque per viginti annorum seriem haesit. Coaevus fuit Sancto Patritio Hibernorum Apostolo Romaeque consecratus Episcopus, et in Hiberniam reversus multos ab Idolorum cultu ad Fidem Christi convertit ac demum figit sedem Saigerae in hodierno Agro Regis; indeque ipse ipsiusque aliquot successores Episcopi Saigerenses nominabantur. Fatis cessit sanctus Kiranus die 5 martii meritis et annis plenus, et quidem usque adeo longaevus ut non desint scriptores qui affirmant eum ad annum aetatis 197 vitam protraxisse.

* Thomas De Burgo, appointed, Jan. 9, 1759; died, 1776.

Circa annum Domini 1052 sedes cathedralis translata fuit Aghavoam in hodierno Agro Reginae et regione Ossoriae ubi templum iam antea constructum fuerat sub invocatione S. Canici, ibique eiusdem sancti Canici scrinium collocatum. Qui sanctus Canicus vir apprimè doctus primus fuit abbas Coenobii Aghavoensis, a se constructi, in quo etiam viam universae carnis ingressus est die II octobris A.D. 599.

Ex quo autem fuit translata sedes Aghavoam in regione Ossoriae ut praefertur nomen mutavit in Ossoriensem. Tandem vero circa A.D. 1188 Felix O'Delany ex monacho Cisterciensi Episcopus Ossoriensis cathedralem sedem transtulit Kilkenniam ubi retinuit quidem Ossoriensis nomen, quandoque tamen in Historiis est appellata Eyrupolensis ac Eyro nimirum flumine vulgo Neoro quod Kilkenniensem civitatem alluit.

Caeterum Kilkennia denominationem sumit a laudato S. Canico vernacule Kenny, quippe Kil hibernice idem est ac ecclesia seu templum latine, qua de causa a multis scriptoribus Fanum Canici, a pluribus vero Canicopolis vocatur.

Ex dicto autem tempore Ecclesia Cathedralis in honorem sancti Canici eo loci aedificari coepit, quae tandem evasit spatiosa valde nec minus speciosa, atque inter omnes totius Hiberniae Ecclesias vix non pulcherrima, nunc acatholicorum praeda. Rem hanc fusiori calamo narrat Episcopus exponens in libro quem iuris publici fecit A.D. 1762 cui titulus *Hibernia Dominicana*, cap IX § III.

Ad ecclesiam cathedralem quinque spectant dignitarii, nempe Decanus Praeceptor Cancellarius Thesaurarius et Archidiaconus; necnon septem Canonici seu Praebendarii. Eorum redditus potiuntur dignitarii et canonici protestantes.

Nulla est civitas vere et proprie dicta in dioecesi hac nisi Kilkennia superius memorata. Sunt tamen in ea sex municipia seu oppida sociata sive corporata; quae passim Burgi Parlamentarii vocantur quatenus in eorum singulis (non secus ac Kilkenniae) duo eliguntur Senatores pro Generalibus Regni Comitibus, quod Angli Parlamentum vocant. Eorum nomina sunt, in primis Burgus s. Canici, qui a Kilkennensi urbe nonnisi per rivulum seiungitur fluentem sub pontem super quem domus conspiciuntur habitatae. Alia quinque oppida sociata sive corporata, sunt Callan, Innistioge, Gowran, Knochtopher et Thomopolis anglice Thomastown. Sunt insuper alia oppida sive castella allodialia uti Balliragget, Durrow, Rathdowny, Donoghmore, Agaboe, Castlecomber, Clogh, Urlingford, Freshford, et Rosbercan, ut pagos praetermittam.

Ossoriensis dioecesis conterminas sibi habet dioeceses Leigh-

linensem (Kildariensi unitam) et Fernensem in eadem Provincia Dublinensi; necnon archidioecesim Cassiliensem, ac dioeceses Waterfordiensem (Lismorensi unitam) et Laonensem in memorata Casselensi provincia, item dioecesim Midensem in Provincia Armachana.

Dioecesis ista Ossoriensis est longitudinis 63 milliarium, latitudinis vero 18 milliarium in quibusdam partibus, ut plurimum autem nonnisi 12 milliarium. Hic autem loci sermo est semper de milliariibus hibernicis, non quidem computatis, ut vocant, sed recenter mensuratis (lapidibus nimirum per viam patentibus) quorum duo faciunt tria milliaria italica. Episcopus porro exponens probe novit differentiam, in Italiae quippe partibus, potissimum Romae, per viginti annorum seriem commoratus est.

In eadem dioecesi Ossoriensi sunt parochiae antiquae 152 sed propter uniones temporibus calamitosis factas, non sunt nisi 29 parochi, qui alios non habent redditus, nisi puras putasque eleemosynas fidelium.

In ea quoque dioecesi olim fuere sex coenobia Canoniorum Regularium S Augustini, nempe Kilkenniae, Fiddown, Kilmanagh, Kells, Innistioge et Fernageragh. Triaque Monachorum Cisterciensium S Bernardi, nempe apud Douskam, vulgo Graige-ne-Managh, apud Jerpontem et apud Killenniam, diversam plane a Kilkennia.

Erant insuper sex coenobia fratrum Mendicantium, nempe tria Ordinis Praedicatorum, unum scilicet apud Kilkenniam, aliud apud Rosbercanam, et aliud apud Aghavoam. Item unum Ordinis Minorum, nempe apud Kilkenniam; unumque Ordinis Eremitarum Sancti Augustini, apud Callanam; atque unum Beatae Virginis de Monte Carmelo apud Koctophoram.

Unicum fuit in universa dioecesi Monasterium Monialium Ordinis nimirum Canonissarum S. Augustini, et quidem apud Kilclehin, alias Portum Bellum in finibus dioecesis, sedet namque ad Surium fluvium e regione urbis Waterfordiensis.

Quoad reliqua in primo praefatae instructionis paragrapho delineata, heu nihil dicendum occurrit neque occurret, dum heterodoxa religio apud nos regnat, ut consideranti patebit. Idem esto iudicium de ceteris Instructionis punctis posthac omittendis.

II.

Episcopus exponens residentiam adeo stricte adimplet ut neque per integrum mensem conciliarem singulis annis absit et quando per exiguum illud tempus abest, plerumque in metropolitana urbe Dubliniensi nativa versatur negotiorum causa, potissimum suae propriae

diocesis, visitationem integrae dioecesis, etiam parochialem per seipsum peragit semel quolibet anno.

Sacramentum confirmationis iugiter administrat in Urbe Kennia in loco scilicet suae residentiae et insuper in visitatione annuali dioecesis. Anno superiore confirmavit ultra decem millia, atque in prima ab eo facta visitatione Anno Domini 1759 confirmavit usque ad viginti millia, eo quod per plures antecedentes annos haud paucis in parochiis sacramentum hoc administratum fuerit.

Per seipsum fecit ordinationes quinque in dioecesi sua Ossoriensi, quibus ad omnes ordines promovit ex dioecesanis suis tres singulis vicibus, nisi hoc anno 1759 in quo duos dumtaxat ordinavit, taliter quod omnes ab eo ordinati sunt numero quatuordecim, et quidem iuvenes haud inferioris notae, quorum unus Pariisis nuper donatus est.

Sex quoque alii sacerdotes hoc decennio mortui sunt in exteris regionibus, octodecim vero in dioecesi qua parochi et qua coadiutores et vicarii; insuper alii duo parochi etiamnum viventes, ob senectam et senium renunciaverunt. Et benedicente Domino adhuc supersunt postulantes pro sacris Ordinibus, quamquam multo pauciores quam praeteritis annis antea, et sane propter causam inferius assignandam § IV, defervescente siquidem devotione fidelium defervescit quoque animus militandi Deo. Hinc in nonnullis aliis dioecesibus haud videre est similes postulantes, unde vehementer timendum est, quod paulatim talis erit in hoc Regno penuria Missionariorum qualis nunc deploratur in Scotia.

Denique Episcopus exponens per seipsum verbum Dei frequenter praedicat et impraetermisse in die Parasceves.

III.

Parochi singuli suis in Parochiis resident. Diebus dominicis et festis plerumque rudimenta fidei exponunt populo, multique reapse praedicant. Missas pro populo sibi commisso diebus recensitis applicare non omittunt.

Pauci eorum libros habebant ad registranda baptismata et matrimonia donec modernus episcopus sub poenarum comminatione eos ad id adegerit.

Decretum sacrosancti Concilii Tridentini (sess. 24 de ref. cap. I) irritans matrimonia clandestina, numquam publicatum fuit in dioecesi Ossoriensi, neque prudenter publicandum fore in praesentibus rerum circumstantiis existimat Episcopus Ossoriensis exponens salvo meliori

iudicio. Enimvero iuxta civiles regni Hiberniae leges matrimonium clandestinum inter contrahentes catholicos validum est. Hinc si post quadraginta dies a publicatione praelibati decreti in dioecesi Ossoriensi Titius catholicus clandestine duceret Bertam pariter catholicam, et postmodum, invalido declarato isto matrimonio per Episcopum catholicum, Titius transiret ad secundas nuptias cum Caia, posset Berta Titium accusare de bigamia, Titiusque qua reus capitali sententia vel perpetuo exsilio puniretur, sicut et parochus aliusve sacerdos qui secundas nuptias benedixisset, atque Episcopus etiam qui primum matrimonium declaraverit nullum.

IV.

Pauca possunt dici de Regularibus huius dioecesis quia nuperis annis pauci sunt, tres nimirum Dominicani (quorum duo prae adversa valetudine laboribus missionis impares sunt), duo Franciscani, unus Augustinianus, unusque Carmelita, necnon duo Capuccini, etsi messis sit multa. Indeque sequitur quod gens devota nequit, ut prius, singulis mensibus, multo minus bis in mense, sacramenta poenitentiae et Eucharistiae recipere cum indulgentiis apud sodalitates dictorum Ordinum lucrandis. Immo vix et ne vix quidem memorata sacramenta recipere possunt Paschali et Natalitio temporibus; unus quippe sacerdos parochialis cum uno Vicario ad effectum illum non sufficit, multo minus dum parochus agit sine Vicario, ut videre est in plerisque districtibus etsi haud parum extensis, plures utpote comprehendentibus parochias ut ex iam dictis § I liquet. Accedit quod duplex ille velut unus sacerdos, dum confessionibus incumbit saepenumero accersitur ad Moribundos pluribus milliaribus distantes. Et quid quaeso dicendum, dum ipsemet sacerdos infirmatur? Uno verbo christifideles raro sacramenta suscipiunt, defectu regularium, ut nihil dicam de indulgentiis. Hinc apposite profecto in medium afferri poterunt verba Evangelii Messis quidem multa operarii autem pauci; rogate ergo dominum messis ut mittat operarios in messem suam! Enimvero populosa valde est dioecesis ista in qua novem ad minus sunt orthodoxi pro uno eterodoxo quoad urbem Kilkenniensem, quoad reliquam vero dioecesim quindecim circiter orthodoxi sunt pro uno heterodoxo. Ceterum penuria haec operariorum incepit crescitque ab anno Domini 1751, quo prodiit decretum S. Congregationis de Propaganda Fide prohibens receptionem novitiorum in Hibernia, quod reverenter ut par est expendit episcopus exponens in praefata sua opella pag. 181.

V.

Nulla est Monialis in universa dioecesi hac Osseriensi; unicum quippe in ea fundatum Monasterium praelibatum in calamitosis temporibus dudum fuit extinctum.

VI.

Quandoquidem protestantes apud nos regnent, hic adesse nequeunt seminaria catholica. In scholis nihilosecius privatis instruuntur pueri et iuvenes catholici utriusque sexus in rudimentis fidei et morum pro rerum conditionibus, in quantum scilicet fieri poterit absque offensa gubernii et cleri acatholici.

VII.

Ob causam mox assignatam non sunt onera Missarum neque Montes Pietatis adsunt, tamen in civitate Kilkenniensi tria nosocomia pauperum apud quorum unum duo habitant Patres Capuccini in capella eisdem adnexa administrantes.

VIII.

Quod ad mores populi attinet, id sane observatu dignum est, quod, generaliter loquendo pietate non proficit, ut ex antea dictis § IV satis clare constat; rarius namque ad sacramenta accedit ob causam ibidem assignatam. Et, quod malorum summum est et summa, hisce nuperis annis plusquam umquam religionem protestanticam per universum qua late patet regnum amplectitur.

Neque abs re erit addere, quod in prima dioecesis visitatione Episcopus modernus plura deprehendit conventicula Liberorum Muratorum ut vulgus loquitur, in quibus catholici haud pauci permixti erant cum protestantibus. In catholicos proinde acriter animadvertit Episcopus, quod usque adeo ceteros offendit, ut eorum Primarii, opibus sane et dignitatibus potentes, carcerem et exilium Episcopo per literas minati sint nisi desisteret. Verum aliorum Magnatum fretus autoritate, illaesus permansit et conventicula singula, etiam quoad Protestantes, in tota dioecesi disrupta sunt usque in hodiernum diem. Et sane, ut obiter dicem, Episcopi a Gubernio tolerantur (etsi a haud legali toleratione) nisi rebus criminalibus aut politicis contra Regem, vel ordinis regni sese immisceant.

Neque etiam addidisse pigebit, quod ante quinque abhinc annos, dum in Provincia Casselensi (dioecesi huic contigua) insurrectiones essent homuncionum quorundam, qui Albos Pueros anglice *White*

Boys appellari affectabant, viderenturque insurrectiones istae Magistratibus rebelliones contra Gubernium stabilitum regni, quamquam revera non essent, ut postmodum luce meridiana clarius compertum est, tametsi interea temporis, die scilicet 15 martii 1766, ea de causa parochus quidam dioecesis Lismorensis, nomine Nicolaus Sheehy, tunc suspensus fuerit et in quatuor partes dissectus, cuius caput palo affixum etiamnum conspicitur supra portam oppidi Clonmellensis in terrorem. Dum inquam insurrectiones illae essent in contermina provincia Casselensi, incipiebant homuncionibus istis sese aggregare nonnulli populares dioecesis Ossoriensis, idcirco Episcopus, monitus etiam a Senatoribus et magistratibus, comminatoriam contra eos dedit epistolam encyclicam die prima novembris 1764 de mandato suo in singulis promulgatam cappellis universae dioecesis tribus dominicis sub Missa. Quae epistola fuit statim, inscio Episcopo, typis impressa in publicis Gazettis Hiberniae et dein Angliae, desideratumque habuit effectum, gratias subinde Episcopo rependentibus Senatoribus, Magistratibus, aliisque Protestantibus.

IX.

Tandem Episcopus exponens indesinenter vestigia premens saepe laudatae instructionis, quam humillime supplicat Sanctissimo Domino Nostro et Eminentissimis Patribus, quatenus dignentur benignas praebere aures atque annuere sequentibus precibus :

Referunt catholici et acatholici Ossorienses, etiamnum viventes, qualiter a sexaginta annis et ultra lites et contentiones fuerint in civitate episcopali Kilkenniensi, non sine ingenti omnium scandalo, de parochia S. Mariae in praelibata civitate, quam parochiam Episcopus exponens habet in commendam a sancta Sede Apostolica, duoque ante ipsum alii Episcopi intra praefatam temporis seriem habuerunt. Recensitae porro lites et contentiones protractae fuerunt usque ad nuperos annos sub regimine Episcopi exponentis, ut optime novit SSmus. Dominus Noster qua olim Cardinalis Sacrae Congregationis de Propaganda Fide. Idcirco Episcopus consulens paci et tranquillitati futurae dictae civitatis immo et universae dioecesis suae, quam enixe deprecatur Sanctitatem Suam, ut praefatam S. Mariae Parochiam in civitate Kilkenniensi in perpetuum uniat dioecesi Ossoriensi (nulla tamen facta mutatione super concordato sive dispositione eiusdem parochiae iuxta decretum S. Congregationis de Propaganda Fide sub finem dictae litis A.D. 1766 durante vita sacerdotis Patritii Molloy, vicarii perpetui saepe dictae Parochiae) tum ad praecavendas semel lites et contentiones ; tum ut Episcopus pro tempore statum suum iuxta pontificalis dignitatis exigentiam tenere

valeat. Ex dioecesi quippe vix percipit annuatim ultra centum scuta romana.

2° Insuper regimen dioecesis magnopere turbatum fuit tempore Episcopi supplicantis propter appellationes frivolas tantopere acceptatas ab Illmo. Metropolitano suo Dublinensi, ita ut tandem adactus fuerit protestationem mittere ad S. Congregationem de Propaganda Fide contra dictum Metropolitanum in qua eundem archiepiscopum memorem reddit aureorum Eminentissimi quondam Cardinalis Petra eiusdem S. Congregationis Praefecti, verborum nempe quod tametsi Metropolitanus Hiberniae existiment se prorsus exui metropolitica iurisdictione nisi dyscolos sacerdotes ad eos appellantes protegant contra suos Episcopos, melius tamen potestatem illam exercerent et ostenderent cogendo dictos sacerdotes ut suis obediant Episcopis. Laudatus porro Cardinalis iussit Episcopo supplicanti ab Urbe in Hiberniam discessuro (tunc haud Episcopo) ut rem hanc archiepiscopis quos videret significaret, prout reapse praestitit, singulos quippe archipraesules temporis progressu vidit.

3° Quandoquidem S. Congregatio de Propaganda Fide decreverit ut episcopi Hiberniae non promoveant ad sacros ordines nisi duodecim durante uniuscuiusque Episcopi vita, nullo habito respectu ad amplitudinem dioecesis aut aetatem Episcopi, hinc Episcopus orator supplicat Sanctitati Suae quatenus concedere dignetur ut tot ordinare possit quot iudicaverit necesarios pro successionem sacerdotum praeservanda.

4° Episcopus supplicans summo opere optaret mittere suos neosacerdotes dioecesanos ad Hispaniarum regnum pro litterarum studiis ad collegia extranationalia peragendis. Sed quoniam ob suppressionem Societatis IESU in praelibato regno tria collegia extraterritorialia Salmantinum nempe, Compostellanum et Hispanense sunt nuperrime redacta in unum, scilicet Salmantinum, supplicat hinc Sanctitati Suae Episcopus Orator quatenus benigne dignetur literas desuper dare ad Regem Catholicum ut Collegium istud Salmantinum tot alere valeat alumnos quot tria recensita Collegia alere solebant iuxta primaevam eorum foundationem.

Romae die 1 Novembris 1769

Fr. Thomas de Burgo Ord. Praed.

Episcopus Ossoriensis.

[*Endorsed.* SANCTISSIMO DOMINO NOSTRO CLEMENTI
PAPAE XIV & SACRAE CONGREGATIONI CONCILII.
STATUS DIOECESIS OSSORIENSIS IN PROVINCIA
DUBLINIENSI HIBERNIAE. A.D. 1769.]

ELPHIN,* 1770.

Beatissime Pater,

Fr. Carolus O Kelly nomine Iacobi O Fallon Episcopi Elfinensis in Hybernia humillime exponit, quod die 10 maii 1631 ut adnotatum reperitur in Libro Decretorum XIV pag. 422 indultum fuerit Episcopis Hyberniae visitare sacra Apostolorum Limina et relationem exhibere status suarum respective dioecesium nonnisi singulis decennis, quod quantum scire licet non praestiterunt a multis retro annis, gravissimarum rerum quibus frequentur opprimebantur causa. Sed nunc cessatis gravioribus illis persecutionibus non est cur praeceptas visitationem et relationem non expleant, non, ut quidam. Praelati istius Regni opinantur per recursum ad S. Sedem pro facultatibus missionem concernentibus, ut facere solent statutis temporibus, sed ad ipsam Concilii Congregationem, ad normam praescriptam a san. mem. Benedicto XIV in sua constitutione quae incipit *Decet Romanum Pontificem* quaeque sixtinam *Romanus Pontifex* confirmat. Hinc praefatus Iacobus episcopus qui sanctissima hac lege se astrictum reputat, quique anno proxime elapso suae promotionis ad episcopatum decimo, omisit praelibatum explere debitum, humillime supplicat quatenus Sanctitas Vestra benigne velit eum absolvere a quavis censura inde incursa et insuper plus temporis ad finem nempe anni 1770 concedere ad effectum melius informandi de vero statu suae dioecesis et simul visitandi sacra limina vel per se vel per alium a se deputatum.

Et pro gratia, etc.

Endorsed. ELFINEN IN HIBERNIA V S L. SSMUS.

ANNUIT CUM ABSOLUTIONE. *Die 30 septembris 1767 :*

Praevia absoluti, ad totum annum 1770.]

STATUS ECCLESIAE ELPHINENSIS PROVINCIAE TUAMENSIS IN HIBERNIA.
AD NORMAM INSTRUCTIONUM SA. ME. BENEDICTI XIV EXHIBENDUS
SAC. CONGNI CONCILII PER MAGISTRUM CAROLUM O KELLY ORD.
PRAEDICATORUM, AD HOC, DEFECTU ALTERIUS MAGIS IDONEI,
DEPUTATUM NOMINE IACOBI O' FALLON PRAEFATAE ECCLESIAE
MODERNI EPISCOPI.

Ecclesia Elphinensis in agro Roscomaniensi sita fundata fuit a S. Patricio, glorioso Hiberniae Apostolo, circa annum 450. Eius.

* James O'Fallon, appointed August 14, 1756 ; died, 1786.

primus ex Canonico Regulari Episcopus fuit S. Asicus cuius festivitas celebratur die 27 aprilis. Usque ab initio ipsa dioecesis Elphinensis admodum exigua fuit, propterea quod in eodem agro et circa idem tempus tres aliae Ecclesiae fundatae fuerunt nimirum Roscomaniensis, Ardcanensis et Drumclivensis, quae postea (ignoratur quo praecise saeculo) unitae fuerunt Elphinensi, unde satis ampla evasit. Certum tamen est huiusmodi uniones factas fuisse ante saeculum undecimum. A meridie (ubi adtingit dioecesim Clonfertensem, etiam Provinciae Tuamensis) ad septentrionem (ubi conterminam habet Kilmorensem, provinciae Armachanae) est longitudinis circiter 60 milliarium. Latitudinis vero ab Oriente (ubi abluitur magno Senennii flumine) ad Occidentem (ubi sitae sunt Tuamensis, Achadensis, Aladensis, et Duacensis) tantum 15 et in extremitatibus minus.

Tria habet ista dioecesis oppida Athlone, Roscomon, et Sligoe; oppidula quatuor, in quorum numero recensetur ipsa civitas Elphynensis, quae pagus verius nominetur, in quo nihil notatu dignum praeter Ecclesiam cathedralem proximis his annis erectam et Protestantis Episcopi Palatium, satis amplum quidem ac situs amoenitate laudandum. In recensitis autem oppidis atque oppidulis nec non in omnibus pagis totius dioecesis sic se habet catholicorum numerus in comparatione ad protestantium sicut triginta ad unum. Siquidem ex plebe paucissimi sunt, qui religionem profitentur protestanticam, quin imo non pauci eorum qui nobiles habentur quique temporalis lucri causa avitam abdicarunt religionem, instante morte ad veram revertuntur Fidem. Dignitarii huius Ecclesiae sunt Decanus, Archidiaconus, et Praecentor suntque sexdecim canonici non choro sed parochiis inservientes. Tam isti quam Dignitarii nullis potiuntur redditibus, iis exceptis, qui ex parochiarum suarum respective administratione accipiunt veluti laboris stipendium. Etsi septuaginta septem parochiae numerentur in hac dioecesi nonnisi quadraginta quinque sunt Parochi quorum duodecim indigent Vicarii perpetui auxilio. Oportebat enim aliquas facere parochiarum uniones ob tenuitatem reddituum singularum. Sed in qualibet unione duo sunt sacella sacris suppellectilibus nitidis quidem, sed non pretiosis instructa. Calices ut plurimum ex stanno conflati sunt.

Sex sunt in hac dioecesi Religiosorum Mendicantium domus. Quatuor Ordinis S. Dominici, una Minorum S. Francisci, una Carmelitarum Calceatorum et una Eremitarum S. Augustini. Soror Susanna O Fallon incoepit fundare domum pro Monialibus sui Ordinis in oppido de Athlone, sed ea mortua a 22 annis, ne vestigium quidem istius foundationis nunc exstat, neque alia ulla est in hac dioecesi Monialium domus.

Ad ipsum Episcopum exponentem quod attinet, Praeceptum residentiae stricte ac religiose adimplet, curatque ut Vicarii Generalis et Foranei invigilent clero per quinque Decanatus distributo, quos Decanatus ipse quotannis personaliter visitat et singularum parochiarum statum ab unoquoque paroco exposcit. Deinde vero aliquas parochias particulariter quolibet anno perlustrat, in quibus parvulos et rudiores homines circa fidei rudimenta interrogat. Conciones ad captum audientium accommodatas habet, et Confirmationis sacramentum administrat, Deo ei tribuente vires ad haec omnia per se ipsum perficienda.

Multa sunt quae dioecesanam cogere Synodum vetant. Dioecesis amplitudo, parochorum paupertas, nulla diversoria ubi tam frequens concursus hospitio excipi possit, cum relata oppida in dioecesis extremitatibus posita sint, et etsi in medio sita essent, illuc convenire nec prudens nec tutum foret: tot quippe clericorum coetus Magistratibus invidiam ac suspicionem forte moveret et si pro insito in nos odio leges exsequi vellent, nos omnes simul quasi superinducto rete capere et proscribere liberum foret. Interim, ea quae in generalibus Comitibus statuere nefas est, in Congressibus decanatum superius relatorum quotannis statuuntur.

Ad coercendam nimiam proclivitatem petendi dispensationes matrimoniales mulctae pecuniariae pro personarum qualitate exiguntur non in proprium quidem (absit) commodum, sed ad subveniendum pauperum necessitatibus, vel ad promovendum pium aliquod opus, quod omnes adeo perspectum habent ut nulla omnino cupiditatis aut avaritiae huc usque orta fuerit ex hoc capite suspicio. Nulla alia pecuniaria praeter recensitam mulcta imponitur.

Omnes parochi in suis parochiis resident, uno tantum excepto, qui tribus abhinc annis relictis ovibus et inconsulto episcopo exponente, ad Indias Occidentales se transtulit Missioni illarum Regionum adlaboraturus. Qua de causa eius parochia de iure vacans alteri collata fuit. Alter parochus impetrata licentia in Galliam profectus est, ubi diutius quam par esset remansit, sed sine culpa; siquidem adulta hieme navim conscendere non potuit sine manifesto vitae periculo.

Librum matrimonii, baptizatorum, et mortuorum a nuperis annis Parochi retinent. Haud facile tamen erat eos ad huiusmodi Ritualis Romani observantiam adducere; enimvero timebant ne, dato aliquando persecutionis signo, id genus libri palmare et irrefragabile praestarent in eos testimonium sacrae administrationis. Nec sane dicendum est quod timuerint ubi non erat timor omnino; etsi enim omnia in praesentiarum quietata et tranquilla sint, quo tamen tempore

tempestas et procellae ingruant, quis dicere potest? Quid igitur momenti sit in illo parochorum argumento, Eminentissimis Patribus pensandum relinquitur.

Episcopus exponens in visitatione parochiali haud paucos offendit non modo pueros, sed etiam senes, qui prima Fidei elementa penitus ignorabant. Pastores nihilominus oscitantiae insimulare non potuit, cum multos alios bene instructos reperisset. Ipsi pastores huius ignorantiae causam aperuerunt adserentes bonos et timoratos aures libenter praebere catechismo, quem exponere solent diebus dominicis ante vel post Missam; malos autem et ignavos, saluberrimum cibum fastidientes, non nisi solam Missam audire, minime vero catechismum, propterea quod dum ante Missam exponitur, Cappellam non ingrediuntur et finita Missa, non expectato Catechismo, statim discedunt. Quapropter ne illis locus se subtrahendi in posterum concedatur, parochis sub gravi iniunctum fuit, ut immediate post primum Missae evangelium pueros per breve tempus Fidei rudimenta doceant, et deinde per sesqui horam robustos in fide, solidiori cibo concionando vel exhortando vel Evangelium diei explicando pascant. Insuper parochis omnibus graviter iniunctum fuit, nullos matrimonio iungere, aut patrilos pro baptismo admittere, nisi inveniantur instructi in iis Fidei articulis quos omnes christiani necessario scire debent. Neque praetermittit Episcopus exponens Parochos in visitatione generali interrogare, an recensitis iniunctionibus obtemperaverint et quo fructu? Respondent in Verbo sacerdotis adfirmantes uberrimum inde se collegisse.

Parochi ceterique curam animarum gerentes singulis Dominicis festisque de praecepto Missam adplicant pro populo suae curae commisso. Conferentiae quoque habentur in singulis decanatibus quolibet mense a primo vero usque ad septembrem inclusive: in istis conferentiis agitur de currentis Evangelii expositione, de iis Fidei controversiis quae nos inter et acatholicos discutiuntur, de Theologia morali et de dubiis in praxi occurrentibus. Istis conferentiis intersunt omnes Curam animarum habentes summo cum fructu singulorum atque profectu. Nihil contra cleri mores dicendum occurrit; siquid pauci rarissimo deliquerint, salutaribus Ordinarii admonitionibus morem gerunt. Regulares qui curam animarum habent non secus ac clerus saecularis, bene se gerunt et munus sibi commissum laudabiliter et fideliter adimplent.

Viget ubique impia et execrabilis iurandi consuetudo, ad quam eliminandam (ruri ubi populus pro maiori parte paulatim degit, Sodalitates conflari aut poenae pecuniariae infligi nequeunt) Parochis districte mandatum fuit ut primam cuiuslibet mensis dominica in

illud graviter invehantur, suadeantque populo ut pactum inter se ineant, quatenus alter alterum iuramentum audiens, ipsum iurantem cum lenitate et charitate de iuramento moneret, rogaretque ut sibi caveret in posterum. Parochi etiam in hac parte prompte obedierunt et iam permulti ex populo ipsum pactum inierunt ac religiose servant. Interea temporis is, qui illud caritatis opus aegre fert et iurandi consuetudinem retinet, a Parocho monetur ne ad poenitentiae sacramentum, ante manifesta resipiscentiae verae indicia, audeat accedere. Ut autem magis magisque istud pium opus promoveatur, Episcopus exponens concessit Indulgentiam 40 dierum tum admonentibus tum admonitis toties quoties; quam tamen admoniti lucrari non poterunt nisi statim atque monentur resipiscentiae edant signum; et haec agendi ratio multum profuit et prodest.

Aliud quoque est, nimirum quod non pauci ex divitibus catholicis praetextu adversae valetudinis, inconsulto Medico, carnibus sabbati, multisque ieiunii diebus, vescuntur et quamvis iste casus inter reservatos Ordinario recenseatur, adhuc tamen crimen inolescit.

Est et aliud tamen, cuius remedium a sola Sanctae Sedis pietate dependet. Illud est quod Benedictus XIV fel. rec. licentiam concesserit vacandi operibus servilibus in quibusdam festis diebus, sed cum clausula *audita tamen Missa*; quae quidem clausula in hac dioecesi nec servatur nec servari potest. Siquidem Ruricolae pro maiori parte suas habent habitationes tribus vel quatuor milliariis distantibus a sacello ubi celebratur Missa parochialis. In hoc spatio percurrendo magna pars diei insumitur, in reliqua autem eiusdem diei parte nihil fere ex labore lucrari possunt, eo quod nec protestantes nec catholici domini eos ad laborandum conducunt pro illo tantum tempore quod supersit post auditam Missam. Hinc recensita clausula non servatur, dum in diebus festis ubique laboratur; unde evenit ut Parochus in hisce diebus solus in sacello haereat, donec unus aut alter adveniat qui Missae inserviat.

Episcopus exponens vehementer optat, et humillime supplicat EE. PP. Sacrae Congregationis quatenus velint tanto malo opportunum afferre remedium, quod non modo sibi sed omnibus etiam Praesulibus huius Regni gratissimum erit.

Si ei fas esset sensum suum hac super re aperire existimaret profecto melius esse et fore praefatos festos transferre in Dominicam proxime sequentem, propterea quod inde triplex exurgeret commodum: primum, stimulus conscientiae ob Missam non auditam requiesceret; secundum, debitus festivitati impenderetur honos; tertium, duplex praeceptum abstinentiae et ieiunii cadens in sabbatum, ad sui observantiam fortius impelleret memoratos divites

catholicos, qui in sabbato vescuntur carnibus, ut praefertur. Verum istas observationes quemadmodum et cetera omnia huc usque exposita, perspicacissimo Emorum. Patrum iudicio, correctioni, censurae Episcopus exponens totus venerabundus et in sanctam Sedem adfectuosissimus, filiali obsequio lubens subiicit, et Benedictionem Vicarii Christi IESU flexis genibus etiam atque etiam rogat, petit, flagitat.

Mantuae prope Elphennam die 20 ianuarii 1770.

Jacobus O Fallon Episcopus

Elphinensis in Hibernia.

[*Endorsed.* ELPHINEN IN HIBERNIA VV. SS. LL. SATATUS
ECCLESIAE ELPHINENSIS IN HIBERNIA ANNO 1770.]

TUAM,* 1770.

STATUS ECCLESIAE ARCHIEPISCOPALIS TUAMENSIS PRAESENTANDUS
SACRAE CONGREGATIONI CONCILII PRO EPISCOPIS PRIMATIBUS
ET PATRIARCHIS IUXTA FORMAM A SANCTITATE SUA BENEDICTO
XIII BONAE MEMORIAE PRAESCRIPTAM NOMINE ARCHIEPISCOPI
TUAMENSIS PER PROCURATOREM SUUM REVDUM. PATREM MAGIS-
TRUM FR. CAROLUM O KELLY ORDINIS PRAEDICATORUM AD HOC
ET OMNIA ALIA NEGOTIA NOMINE DICTI ARCHIEPISCOPI PER-
TRACTANDA DEPUTATUM.

AD PRIMUM CAPUT.

1. Archiepiscopatus Tuamensis collocatus est in medio omnium suffraganeorum.
2. Habet oppidum unum ubi cathedralis sita est et tres villas exiguae notae.
3. Metropolitana Ecclesia habet Decanum, Archidiaconum, Can-
cellarium et octo Canonicos qui Capitulum constituunt, omnes nomine-
tenus, sine fructibus vel redditibus; defectu reddituum nulla datur
Praebenda Theologalis nec Poenitentiaria.

* Mark Skerrett, translated from Killala, May 5, 1749.

4. Nulla datur Collegiata in tota dioecesi, excepta Galviensi quae habet sua privilegia et exemptiones.

5. Dioecesis Tuamensis habet quadraginta septem Parochos, plurimi eorum adeo pauperes ut cathedraticum et procuracionem solvere nequeant.

6. Monasteria virorum S. Augustini quinque, S. Francisci unum, S. Dominici unum; monialium nullum; omnes subiecti suis Prae-latis respective Regularibus.

AD SECUNDUM CAPUT.

1. Archiepiscopus residet iuxta sacrorum Canonum praescriptum.

2. Dioecesim sibi commissam annuatim visitat.

3. Per se sacros Ordines confert et sacramentum Confirmationis administrat.

4. Tres synodos Provinciales habuit, quibus interfuerunt omnes suffraganei per se, vel per suos Procuratores qui legitime detenti fuerant; unam dioecesanam coegit, cum vix congregari possint. Omnia in his agendis regulariter tractantur in visitatione quae annuatim fit per decanatus rurales.

5. Verbum Dei olim per se praedicavit, sed nunc fractus viribus non potest; hic et nunc quando inveniri possunt, assumit viros idoneos ad huiusmodi praedicationis officium salubriter exequendum.

6. Mulcta ab eo pro dispensationibus imposita ad pios usus et pauperibus usque ad ultimum quadrantem applicantur.

DE III CAPITE AD CLERUM SAECULAREM PERTINENTI.

1. Omnes Parochi huius dioecesis in suis parochiis resident.

2. Quidam retinent libros iuxta normam Ritualis Romani; quidam non, propter gravia inconvenientia ex eorum retentione orta vel probabiliter oriunda.

3. Qui senio vel infirmitate laborant instanter petunt Coadiutorem ut sacramenta populo administrent.

4. Omnes parochi huius dioecesis omnibus diebus dominicis et festis catechizant plebem sibi commissam et pascunt salutaribus verbis per se vel per alium, sed communiter per se.

5. Exhortationes habent hic et nunc ad populum, praesertim tempore quadragesimae et adventus, quibus monita salutis dis-

tribuunt et populum disponunt ad sacramenta digne ac devote suscipienda.

6. Omnes parochi singulis dominicis et festis diebus Missam applicant pro populo eorum curae commisso.

7. Omnes parochi conveniunt in suis respective decanatibus ruralibus semel in mense per sex menses ubi tractare tenentur de Historia ecclesiastica, de haeresibus ortis in tali centuria incipiendo a prima, et quomodo et a quibus profligata; reliquum temporis in casibus conscientiae solvendis quae pertinent ad materiam de qua tractatur, et qui abfuerit si non probaverit se legitime impeditum mulctatur media corona pauperibus eroganda. Regulares qui in dictis Decanatibus degunt, praesertimque confessarii, admonentur dictis conferentiis adsistere, quod aliquando faciunt.

8. Magis morigeratos et pios sacerdotes vix desiderare quis possit cum hisce plusquam viginti annis quibus his praeo nullum canonicum crimen prolatum fuit contra aliquem eorum, Deo optimo maximo singulares gratias.

DE OCTAVO CAPITE AD POPULUM PERTINENTE.

Mores populi varii sunt, quod semper evenit ubi non est unum ovile. Divites et opulenti appetentes ollas Aegypti et praesentis vitae commoda proh dolor! quotidie a Fide deficiunt, quod solus Deus avertere potest; sed pauperes revertuntur in aequali ad minus numero, quod est unicum solamen quod in hac lacrymarum valle habemus.

Haec sunt quae significanda se offerunt de statu Ecclesiae Tuamensis; hunc statum remitterem iuxta praescriptum Ritualis si praelati qui diu in Curia vixerunt mihi non dixissent quod habens Agentem in Curia haec iudicabatur obligatio in Curia adimpleta supplicando pro renovatione facultatum. Praeterea quod ad haec postulata responsa data sunt in responsione ad Quodlibetas a S. Congregatione de Propaganda Fide variis temporibus ad nos transmissas. Si ignoranter deliqui suppliciter ab EE.VV. veniam postulo; Deus omnipotens conservet Eminantias Vras et det Eis spiritum iudicandi quae recta sunt et agendi; et mihi patientiam tolerandi, fortitudinem resistendi, et constantiam perseverandi, qui cum omni reverentia subscribur. EE.DD.VV. humilimus et obedientissimus famulus.

Marcus Arp. Tuamensis.

Ianrii 9, 1770.

KILLALA*, 1771.

STATUS ECCLESIAE ALLADENSIS IN HIBERNIA.

1. Etsi nondum elapsum sit Decennium, quod concessum est Episcopis Hiberniae, ad sacra visitanda Limina, Episcopus exponens consentaneum duxit Visitationem adeo salutarem potius anticipare quam postponere, maxime quod ipsi non constet quemquam ex suis Praedecessoribus ab inmemorabili eiusdem obligationem adimplevisse, non quidem, ut fas est credere, culpabiliter, sed quod fuerint vel morte praerepti ante statutum pro adimplerione huius praecepti tempus, vel ob haereticorum persecutionem impediti vel verosimilius, quod exstintaverint sufficere communicationem cum sacra Congregatione de Propaganda Fide, minime distinguentes inter ea quae proprie Missionem spectant et quae Episcopatum concernunt.

2. Ecclesia igitur Alladensis, ut habetur scriptum in vita sancti Patritii Hiberniae Apostoli, fundata fuit ab eodem glorioso Apostolo circa annum 440, eique in primum dedit Episcopum sanctum Muredacum cuius festum celebratur in ista dioecesi 12 augusti. Huic fuere successores, sed quot et quales fuerint ad annum 1151 ignoratur ; a memorato autem anno ad praesentem facile esset seriem Episcoporum Alladensium texere, observando quod in aliquibus retro saeculis vocarentur nunc Alladenses nonnumquam Tiowlenses et aliquando sed raro Fiacenses, sumptis his diversis appellationibus a diversis territoriis circumiacentibus.

3. Cathedralis sita est in agro Mayonensi vulgo Mayo in Provincia Conaciae, alias Tuamensis, et ipsa dioecesis qua longe protenditur cingitur ad Occidentem a magno Oceano Atlantico, ad meridiem conterminam habet Archidioecesim Tuamensem, et ad Orientem et Aquilonem attingit dioecesim Accadensem. Longitudo eius et latitudo nullam inter se proportionem habent ; siquidem illa est 60 miliaribus et ista in quibusdam partibus tantum 2, in aliis 8, et ubi maxima 12. Montibus et quidem difficilis accessus abundat, et nonnisi unum habet oppidulum vocatum Ballena divisum per insignem fluvium Moyn et celebre ex captura piscis Salmonis. De cetero ibi nihil rari habetur.

4. Ipsa autem civitas, dicenda potius Pagus, ab exiguo domorum et incolarum numero nihil notatu dignum exhibet, praeter Palatium

* Philip Phillips, appointed, Nov. 24, 1760 ; translated to Achonry in 1776. This Relatio is printed in *Spicilegium Ossoriense* ; III. p. 318 from a Propaganda copy.

et Cathedralē pseudo-Episcopi protestantis, quae et structura et ornatu tam interiore quam exteriorē potius humiles quam superbae videntur. Etsi sit portus maritimus omni tamen notabili caret commercio, tum propter regionis paupertatem, tum maxime quod portus facilē non praebeat accessum navibus appellentibus, nec appulsis securum asylum. Ad materiale autem cathedralē catholicā quod attinet, nulla omnino existit, quemadmodum et nulla ecclesia collegiata aut etiam proprie Parochialis; et idem dicendum venit de seminario, hospitali et quovis loco pio dotato, idque quod Ecclesia Romana, iuxta leges istius Regni nequeat habere stabiles redditus, quo nomine vocari non possunt voluntariae fidelium contributiones pro manutentione cleri saecularis et regularis.

5. Verum quum, largienti Domino, conservata fuerit in medio persecutionum et modo conservetur in Hybernia hierarchia ecclesiastica, quilibet episcopus habetur tamquam Ordinarius loci et censeatur habere cathedralē et capitulum, non quidem ad servitium chori addictum, sed tantum ad eligendum vicarium capitularem, mortuo vel amoto per translationem Episcopi. De cetero tam dignitarii quam canonici qui capitulum componunt animarum curae incumbunt. Tale est Capitulum Alladense compositum ex Decano, Archidiacono, Praeceptore et duodecim Canonicis, absque praebenda poenitentiaria aut theologali, etiam quoad nomen.

6. Dioecesis dividitur in tres Decanatus, quibus praesunt Decani rurales, et isti iterum, post aliquas uniones ab antiquo factas, in viginti Parochias et quatuor Vicariatus, administratus per totidem Parochos et Vicarios omnes e clero saeculari uno excepto solo, qui est regularis Ordinis Praedicatorum. In qualibet parochia, tribus exceptis in quibus Domini temporales religionis nostrae inimicos sese opposuerunt, habetur inodo et quidem magna Ordinarii sollicitudine, domus unice ad Divina celebranda destinata, humilis profecto, sed nitida et sacris suppellectilibus sat simplicibus instructa. Ubi minor paupertas calices sunt argentei, ubi maior conflati sunt ex lucido et expolito metallo.

7. Quum Regnum esset undequaque catholicum Regulares in hac dioecesi tria habuerunt monasteria, nimirum Dominicani, Franciscani et Augustiniani; sed impraesentiarum nihil nisi nomen retinent, siquidem duo tantum sunt Dominicani in tota dioecesi, Franciscani duo et tres Augustiniani, iam senio confecti. Nullum est aut numquam fuit Monasterium monialium in hisce partibus, quod fortasse tribuendum est ipsius Regionis paupertati; alias in ea semper viguit et religio et pietas, quod vel ex eo patet, quod post tot graves persecutiones, in quibus multi, sed ex ditioribus, a Fide

defecerunt, duodecies plures perseveraverunt, ita ut ubi haeretici nunc numerare possunt duo, numerare possumus vigintiquatuor ad minus.

8. Episcopus exponens candide fatetur se ad literam non adimplere residentiae praeceptum; sed nec illud ita adimplere ipsi moraliter possibile est: nullus enim locus est in sua dioecesi ubi vel tolerabili cum decore permanenter habitare possit, neque similem habitationem, attenta dioecesis paupertate, sibi comparare valet. Igitur ex necessitate cogitur in vicinia extra dioecesim apud unum vel alterum parentem catholicos, ex primariis quoad bonam famam et fortunae bona, principalem tenere residentiam; idque revera absque dioecesis praecudio; siquidem spatio duarum horarum festino gradu, se illuc transferre potest, prout facere solet, causa praedicandi in una vel altera parochia etiam extra visitationem annuam.

9. Vere affirmat visitare se in propria persona omnes et singulas paroecias et vicariatus suae dioecesis, semel quolibet anno; exceptis quatuor parochiis sitis in montibus asperrimis, et quasi inaccessibilibus. Istas tamen, summa cum difficultate visitat singulis tribus annis; quod profecto vix unus ex eius Praedecessoribus tam saepe perficere tentavit. In actuali autem visitatione constitutus si quid dissentionis sit, quod raro contingit, parochum inter et parochianos, qua potest moderatione et dulcedine (vi coactiva uti non potest) ad mutuam reconciliationem utrosque conatur inducere. Inspectis postea sacris suppellectilibus qualibuscumque et libris baptismatum, matrimoniorum et mortuorum, quos ab unoquoque paracho teneri, ipse primus episcopus Alladensis, ab infausta ibi haeresis propagatione, commendavit, ordinavit, iussit; convocat parvulos, eosque per seipsum non solum interrogat sed et docet pro illa vice Doctrinam Christianam, et quotquot idoneos reperit sacramentaliter confirmat, neque omittit in visitationis cursu, sermonem habere ad parochianos universos.

10. Ex quo Episcopus exponens promotus fuit ad Episcopatum, Metropolitanus cui subest nonnisi unam celebravit Synodum Provincialem, cui interfuit non secus ac ceteri suffraganei, per se vel suos procuratores, ast absque desiderata solemnitate, conditione patriae id non ferente. Nullam coegit dioecesanam synodum nec cogere potest, tam ob paupertatem, qua non modo ipse, verum etiam eius parochi laborant, quam ex suspitione magistratui haeretico forsitan ingerenda, aliquod contra se proponi vel concludi in eiusmodi congressu. Satiùs igitur et tutius est privatis statuere ordinationibus quicquid statuendum esset, in synodo Dioecesana, etiamsi alias convocari possit, maxime quod Parochi et Fideles eiusmodi privatis

ordinationibus pro bono regimine factis non resistunt, et libenter acquiescunt.

11. Statutum igitur est in ista dioecesi, nullas exigi mulctas pecuniarias nisi pro dispensationibus et denunciationibus matrimonialibus, idque potius ad conservandas in vigore leges ecclesiasticas, quam lucri causa, quod tam longe a mente Ordinarii abest, ut tenue emolumentum quod obvenit, totum in pios usus impendatur, et adeo notorie ut nulla omnino apud populum maneat avaritiae ex illo capite suspicio. Dispensationes autem in 2^o et 2^o simplici, ex speciali Setae. Sedis indulto, gratis omnino ut ab eadem Seta. Sede iniunctum est, conceduntur.

12. Statutum quoque est ut quilibet parochus explicet in lingua vulgari epistolam et evangelium cuiusque Dominicae, vel occurrentis festi de praecepto et postea sermonem habeat ad populum super illum Evangelii textum, quem magis expedire iudicaverit, dummodo non sit alias legitime impeditus : sed longe strictius iniunctum est singulis parochis ut impense et impraetermisse singulis diebus Dominicis sive ante sive post Missam parvulos coram populo congregatos catechisent, ita ut tam iuvenes quam senes probe instruantur in omnibus quae scire tenentur ad vitam aeternam consequendam ; et revera tantus et talis est fructus eorum in hac parte laboris, ut nullo modo oscitentiae vel incuriae culpandi sint.

13. Pari providentia statutum est ut parochi societatem habeant ad invicem, maxime in habendis conferentiis in quolibet decanatu singulis mensibus, hieme excepta ; cui ordinationi obtemperant diligenter, tractantes de re morali et dogmatica ipso Decano praesidente serioque studentes vitia extirpare quae in eorum respective parochiis praevalent. Ipsa subditorum quasi communis paupertas luxui viam praecludit ; alia tamen vitia in quibusdam deprehenduntur, sed nullum adeo splendidum atque iurandi in vanum ; et mirum quidem est quod aliqui rustici qui Anglice nesciunt loqui, anglice iurent. Specialis igitur cura est parochis in illud vitium omnibus modis insurgere, et de facto aliqui pravum illum iurandi habitum dimiserunt.

14. Non est cur Episcopus exponens queratur de suis parochis ; etsi pauperes existant, apparent tamen zelo pro Dei causa divites. Unusquisque residet in sua parochia ; applicant Missam diebus dominicis et festis de praecepto pro parochianis et debitam obedientiam et reverentiam Ordinario tribuunt. Unus solus de clero saeculari sed nondum de parochia provisos ei aliquid molestiae intulit. Voluit enim ipse per fas et nefas intrudere se in unam parochiam a quo iniquo proposito postea destitit, victus constantia et moderatione

sui Praelati, quem inter, et totum clerum tam saecularem quam regularem suae dioecesis perfecta subsistit harmonia.

15. Episcopus exponens dolet quod diebus festis in quibus ex indulto felicitis memoriae Benedicti papae XIV licet vacare operibus servilibus, audita prius Missa, populus labori addictus Missam non audiunt neque rationabiliter ad id cogi possunt, propterea quod iisdem graventur incommodis, iisdemque subiaceant difficultatibus, quarum intuitu dispensatum fuit in non paucibus dioecesibus super clausula *audita prius Missa*; et signanter in Elphinensi, quae huic vicina est, etiam cum facultate transferendi festa dispensata ad sequentes Dominicas quoad solemnitatem. Humillime igitur supplicat, quatenus Sanctissimus Dominus benigne velit extendere gratiam dioecesi Elphinensi concessam ad Alladensem, quae est eiusdem Provinciae, ne dioecesani omittentes audire Missam in dictis dispensatis Festis, prout hactenus communiter omiserunt, peiores quoad conscientiam evadant occasione indulti apostolici vacandi operibus servilibus ut praefertur.

16. Magis magisque dolet connubia in hisce partibus fieri aliquando inter partes unam catholicam alteram haeticam, idque vel publice et cum mala fide, coram ministello vel aliquo perverso ecclesiastico ex nostris.

Utinam nullibi talis inveniretur! Ista connubia etsi illicite fiant, facta tamen tenent, nisi ex consanguinitate vel affinitate adsit impedimentum dirimens, quod rarissime contingit. Verum cum eiusmodi casus evenit et evenire possit, magnum Ordinario loci facessit negotium, potissimum ubi agitur de uxore catholica constante in Fide et contrita de delicto commisso. Haec a sacramentis et lachrymis et gemitibus expetitis, arcetur, donec se separaverit a marito haeretico, constanter nolente se ad veram convertere Fidem. Interim omnibus evidenter notum est huiusmodi separationem esse moraliter impossibilem, propterea quod ex una parte maritus secundum leges Regni eam ad cohabitandum secum cogere potest, et cogeret si opus esset; ex altera si fugam arripere voluisset, nesciret quo se conferret, neque haberet unde se sustentare posset; ut nihil dicatur de contemptu universali in quo haberetur. Haeret igitur marito sacramentis privata, et tandem in articulo mortis apparenter constituta, stante prudenti iudicio confessarii de habituali animi eius dispositione adherendi viro reputato marito, si convalescere contigerit, etiam tunc absolvi nequibit, nisi praesumatur alienum esse a pietate scetae. Matris Ecclesiae fidelem quemcumque sacramentis privare propterea quod non promittat et efficaciter facere statuat quod sibi esse moraliter impossibile cognoscit.

17. Episcopus exponens vehementer cupit edoceri quid in simili casu sit faciendum. Si ipsi licuisset proprium proferre in re ista iudicium, utique iudicaret expedire ut omnes Hiberniae Episcopi facultatem haberent dispensandi super impedimentum subsistens, et ratificandi connubium factum, postquam pars catholica condignam egisset poenitentiam non modo in delicti admissi deletionem ; sed etiam in terrorem aliorum, qui proclives essent ad simile perpetrandum scelus. Sed quod in hac parte, non secus ac in ceteris suae Diocesis status exposuit sacrae Congregationis iudicio et correctioni, qua par est humilitate et filiali obedientia submittit, subiicit, remittit, sacram Eminintissimorum Patrum deosculans Purpuram.

Datum Clunmoriae die 20 septembris anni 1771.

Philippus Phillipps Episc. Alladensis.

[*Endorsed.* ALLADEN IN IBERNIA VV.SS.LL. R. AD
S. O.]

MISCELLANEA VATICANO-HIBERNICA

(*Vatican Archives.*)

IRELAND IN 1580

THE documents here grouped together are transcribed from different collections, but appear to have been written about the same time, with the same object, and probably by the same hand.

Document A, though frequently quoted as "A Vatican List," has never been published in full. It can easily be assigned to the early months of 1580, and was doubtless one of many or, better still, was one based on many lists drawn up in obedience to the wishes of Gregory XIII whose Secretary of State, Cardinal Como, had sent to various personages, ecclesiastic and lay, requesting some account of the state of the country, together with a list of the names of promising and prominent ecclesiastics to whom the government of vacant dioceses could be entrusted, when need arose. A sample of the letter sent out on that occasion (April, 1579) is given in *Spicilegium Ossor.* II. 4.

The accuracy and care with which the list in question was prepared are revealed by the fact that many of the names mentioned in it find a place in the martyrologies of Rothe and Holing, in the Consistorial records of the next twenty years, or otherwise figure in the general history of the period—Richard Creagh, William Walsh, Thomas Leverous, Edmund Tanner, Thomas O'Herlihy, Eugene O'Harte, Malachy O'Moloney, Edmund Donnelly, Thomas Cooney, Thomas Moran, Thady O'Farrell, John White, Thomas Strong, John Casey, Dermot M'Creagh, Nicholas Skerret, Cornelius O'Boyle, Laurence Moore, Peter Lombard, and others of lesser note.

The document seems to furnish sufficient evidence to warrant a conjecture that it was the work of Dermot O'Hurley who was appointed to the See of Cashel the following year (Sep-

tember, 1581), and who laid down his life for the faith two years later. It bears clear indications that it was drawn up by one who belonged to the South rather than to the North of Ireland, who was intimately acquainted with the Irish Colleges in France, Flanders and the Spanish dominions, who was in close touch with the Jesuits and their Colleges, who was in the confidence of the Holy See, and who was actually in Rome at the time the document was written. Not only does all this fit in accurately with the known career of O'Hurley, but the absence of his name from a list of prominent and promising Irishmen, drawn up at a time when he was in Rome, is intelligible only on the assumption that it was the work of his own hand.

The second document, B, is clearly a copy made from the same original as A, with certain omissions and additions.

The third, C, is probably a few months later in date, and was evidently based on or meant to illustrate the former, giving a table of the various dioceses with explanatory notes on those that happened to be vacant at the time.

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A.

(Castel S. Angelo. Arm. XIV. Cap. 2: No. 41.)

Hibernia Provincia et incolarum frequentia, urbiumque celebritate, et fidei antiquitate eiusmodi est ut non indigna videatur cui S^{mus}. D. N. pro cetera illius solitudine in omnium nationum salute procuranda, aliquid suæ paternæ curæ ac providentiæ impertiat. Fuit enim semper proprio, ac peculiari vinculo huic Apostolicæ Sedi astricta, cum a vetustissimo tempore S^{ti}. Petri patrimonium fuerit, eique hoc nomine tributum semper pependit, donec paucos ante annos temporum malignitas, ac perversitas istam quoque illi officii facultatem abstulit. Accedit id quod certum est, et exploratum, quod etsi communis horum temporum calamitas externum illud obsequium retardavit, vivit tamen in omnium fere animis fides vera, summiq; Pontificis, ac Romanæ Ecclesiæ obedientia, quam etiam sine dubio alacriter ostenderent, si S^{mus}. D. N. aliquem illuc suo nomine mittere in animum induceret. Sunt enim omnes

natura ad religionem, ac pietatem magnopere propensi. Neque vero debet ex quorundam moribus, qui vel hic Romae vel alibi * parum se laudabiliter gesserint, de tota illa gente iudicium fieri. Commune est enim non solum populis omnibus, sed etiam cuivis coetui, ut aliquos semper Iudas ac filios alienos habeant; illud autem huius causae proprium, quod ii fere ex fece Hiberniae fuere, quippe qui Romam ad aliqua beneficia dignitatesve ancupandas adcurrerent: cum contra, quibus cordi Religio et Christi honor esset, vel in ipsa patria remanerent, ad proximorum salutem procurandam vel in celeberrimis academiis liberalibus se studiis, tanquam spiritualibus armis ad bellum deinde cum rectae fidei hostibus gerendum instruerent. Quorum certe, cum multis partibus plures sint, modestia et sanctitas omnibus bonus Hiberniae odor in Christo magis esse debet, quam illorum paucorum vitia, moresque soluti offendere. Atque, ut planius etiam constet, quam innumeros mortales sibi in illis locis Dominus reliquerit, qui non curvaverunt genua ante Baal, et huius S^{tae}. Sedis obedientiam adhuc integre, et caste colunt, describam paucis illius provinciae statum, ex quo intelligatur quam facile cum divina gratia illae regiones plane ad sanitatem reduci possent.

Omnis igitur Hibernia tres in partes distributa est :

Prima est quae Ultonia dicitur sita ad partem septentrionalem, centum ferme et viginti octo passuum millia magnitudine continens. Haec plane ab omni haeresi et erroris labe in hodiernum usque diem ita sese intactam servavit, ut etiam huius rei gratia assidua bella cum Anglis vicinis, cumque perdita eorum Regina gerat. Sunt hic multa Franciscanorum cœnobîa, et praelati simul et subditi publice fidem, et obedientiam Romano Pontifici profitentur.

Altera est pars Momonia, et Conacia, quae cum Anglorum imperio subiecta sit, non potest ita publice pietatis opera colere. Plerique tamen, atque adeo fere omnes, adhuc Catholici sunt, suntque in ea multi, ac praestantes operarii quorum aliquos paulo post referemus, quorum opera egregia in illa Domini vinea constat.

Tertia pars est Lagenia, quae quod ipsa quæque, ac multo etiam magis, Anglica tyrannide opprimatur, nec omnino adversus eam commovere se possit, viribus longe inferior, cogitur etiam sacrilegos eorum ritus admittere; atque hos etiam ipsos compertum est maiori ex parte Romanae Ecclesiae fidem retinere, quodque admirabilius est, plurimos esse qui proprios sacerdotes alant, a quibus sacramenta

* Probably alludes to Milar Magrath, and possibly to Stukley, whose escapades were then fresh in memory.

rite percipiant, Quem illorum animum declaravit saepe multorum constantia, et ardor in aerumnis, et cruciatibus pro veritate perfectendis. Nam episcopus Medensis annorum sexdecim carcerem pertulit. Episcopus item Dacensis [Darensis] bonis omnibus privatus et expulsus, post diuturnos labores, et incommoda in exilio vitam posuit. Praeterea est episcopus Armacanus, qui a multis annis in custodia pro causa Christi in Anglia destinetur, vir pius et vere sanctus, omnium testimonio, ibique multis aerumnis, ac miseriis assidue divexatur. Paucos etiam ante annos P. Edmundus Ioannes,* ex Societate Iesu pro fidei confessione primum in patibulo suspensus, deinde quatuor in partes dissectus est. Sic alii multi, quos enumerare longum esset, qui bonis omnibus privati, exules, afflicti, vitam inopem et miseram ducere malunt, quam ab officio, et pietate desciscere, quae omnia satis magno documento esse debent, quantos, et quam uberes fructus ista eorum virtus si diligentius excolatur editura sit.

Quod si aliquis fortasse quaerat num aliqui boni, atque idonei operarii ad manum esse possent, qui ad huiusmodi provinciam destinari quamprimum possent; ne ii quidem per Dei misericordiam desunt. Itaque contextam primum catalogum eorum, qui in ipsa Hibernia huc illuc sparsi in haereticis convincendis, catholicisque animandis, et confirmandis, insignem operam navant; tum aliorum, qui extra Hiberniam variis in locis commorantur, bene tamen docti omnes, et magnis facultatibus ad res gerendas instructi, et qui uno Summi Pontificis nutu se vitamque suam pro religione Catholica devovere parati sunt. Atque in utroque ordine eos tantum referam, quorum nomina occurrunt; sunt enim alii permulti quos ego cum alias cognoverim nomina tamen excidere, plures vero, quos ego nunquam cognovi, quorum tamen facile haberi posset notitia.

IN HIBERNIA OPERarii INSIGNES.†

R^{mus}. Edmundus episcopus Corchagensis, pulsus tamen episcopatu.

Episcopus Rossensis doctus, qui interfuit Concilio Tridentino et ipse exulans.

Episcopus Acadensis ex ordine Praedicatorum.

Episcopus Malachias Duacensis, ipse quoque eiectus sede sua.

* The name is given as Donnelly by Rothe, and as Donatus by Holing.

† The portion down to this is omitted in document B which begins here.

Thomas Cuneus Vaterfordensis archidiaconus vir valde pius.

Jacobus Gool archidiaconus Limiricensis.

Thomas Barnoel thesaurarius ecclesiae S^{ti}. Patritii Dublinien.

Emundus Arturus archipresbyter Limiricen.

Thomas Moreanus decanus Corchagensis. Omnes privati suis beneficiis, et bene docti, quibus pontifex quidvis committere possit.*

Ricaldus Valtius diaconus, qui iuventutem in pietate et literis docet Vaterfordiae.

P. Carolus Leus, et P. Robertus Risfordius ambo Societatis Iesu, qui in variis locis docent literas sub cura et mandato R^{mi}. Corchagensis.

Fr. Gulielmus Okeni Dominicanus concionator celebris.

Fr. Thadeus Tergallus Dominicanus, et ludi magister.

Fr. Matheus Machuar Dominicanus in iisdem muneribus.

Fr. Eugenius Franciscanus vir insignis, qui apostolico more circuit castella et urbes et vicos cum magno fructu.

Alii etiam sunt ex franciscanis permulti, qui suis monasteriis, quae sunt supra viginti, cum fructu concionantur.

QUI SUNT EXTRA HIBERNIAM.

D. Ioannes Vittius Parisiis annorum circiter 36.

D. Nicolaus Kemerfordius totidem annorum in urbe Portuensi.

David Delaidius 40 annorum circiter, doctus theologus Rhotomagi.

Leonardus Fitsimon Duaci profitetur Theologiam, versatus in multis disciplinis.

Omnes hi quatuor in literis valde eminentes.

Thomas Strongius Parisiis annorum 32.

Gualterus Betheus Compluti annorum 33.

Dermisius Craticus 30 Romae.

Nicolaus Faganus 35 in Lusitania.

Nicolaus Siretus Romae in Collegio Germanico 26.

Nicolaus Sedgravius 30 annorum in Lusitania.

Cornelius Obovilius 35 in Lusitania.

Patritius Sinetus 35 in Lusitania.

Ioannes Haius Parisiis 30 annorum.

F. Thadeus Solanus annorum 35 Bononiae franciscanus.

* The other copy (B) has an additional entry here:—

[Nicolaus Eustachius, quem nunc in Hibernia laborantem Episcopus Corchagensis vocat operarium incomfutabilem, est in primis nobilis et qui novit totius nobilitatis ingenia.]

Fr. Ioannes Casius Parisiis 30 franciscanus.

Fr. Patritius Kotz in Lusitania 28.

David Dulus Lovanii 33.

Omnes theologi, et iam maturi operarii.

OPERARII AD CONFESSIONES ETC. NON TAMEN ITA DOCTI UT SUPERIORES.

Patritius Frentius Lovanii 32.

Laurentius Motus 36 in Lusitania.

Cornelius Oneaclen 35 in Lusitania.

IUVENES MAGNAE SPEI ARTIUM MAGISTRI, ET AUDITORES THEOLOGIAE.

Petrus Lombardus, qui fuit primus in suo cursu Philologiae Lovanii, et studuit quatuor annis theologiae, annorum 25.

Michael Valterus in Lusitania in academia Eboren.

Marcus Leus Rhemis

Patritius Sandgravius Duaci

Ricardus Leius Lovanii

Eduardus Bornellus Duaci

Iacobus Arturus Lovanii

Valterus Curchius Duaci

Eduardus Alminus Duaci

Gulielmus Kemerfordius Lovanii

Ricardus Fildeus Duaci

Thadeus Olanus Parisiis

AUDITORES PHILOSOPHIAE

Georgius Almerus Duaci

Iacobus Valterus Parisiis

Henricus Sedgravius Parisiis

Patritius Plonchetus Lovanii

Mattheus Armacanus Parisiis

Sunt etiam alii multi qui in Hispania Lusitania Gallia in studiis versantur, quorum nunc nomina non occurrunt. Facile autem eorum notitia haberi poterit si S. S^{tas}. voluerit.

HIBERNI QUI SUNT IN SOCIETATE IESU.

Pater Richardus professor Theologiae in Gallia annum agens circa quadragesimum.

Pater Carolus Leus, qui nunc agit in Hibernia populum instruens, et iuventutem.

Robertus Rizfordus ibidem iuventutem instruens.

David Stackopolus Parisiis agens in Philosophia, et Theologia versatus annos habens circiter viginti octo.

Mauritius Halius degens Patavii studens Theologiae annum agens circiter trigesimum.

Thomas Childeus degens in Lusitania annum agens circiter vigesimum sextum.

B.

(*Nunziature : England, Vol. I. fol. 308.*)

CATALOGUS * EORUM QUI NUNC SUNT IN HYBERNIA FIDELES OPERarii
VEL CERTE FACILE EO TRANSMITTI POSSUNT

D. Vitus, hic tenet utramque linguam idest Anglicanam et Hybernicam, sed illam melius.

D. Nicolaus Kemerfordiensis item utramque callet ; sed melius Anglicam.

D. Thomas Cuneus Waterfordiensis similiter.

EX MOMONIA D. Ricardus Vualsius item melius Anglicanam.

D. Edmundus Arturus melius hybernice loquitur.

D. Dermotus Craticus melius similiter hybernice.

D. Ricardus Moritius similiter.

EX CONASCIA Fr. Thadeus Fergallus Dominicanus Hybernice tantum.

Fr. Mattheus Machuard Dominicanus similiter.

EX ULTONIA D. Gulterus Bethleus melius hybernice.

D. Cornelius Obovilius melius hybernice.

EX LAGENIA D. Nicolaus Eustachius melius Anglice.

Fr. Eugenius Odonhius Provincialis Franciscanorum in Hybernia, nihil Anglice sed per totam Hyberniam Apostolico more concionando et docendo pervagatur.

In hac ultima provincia erunt valde utiles et idonei qui callent linguam Anglicam, quia haec pars Hyberniae magis est subiecta et a longiori tempore Anglis.

* This section is not found in document A.

C

(*Nunziature : England, Vol. I. fol. 365.*)

Ut Hybernia dividitur in 4^r partes praeicipuas, quod ad statum temporalem attinet ; ita iurisdictio spiritualis in 4^r archiepiscopatus, sive ecclesias metropolitanas illis respondentes.

<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Momonia habet Cassellensem Archiepatum, cui subsunt suffraganei</p>	{	<p>Lismoriensis et Waterfordensis //</p> <p>Corchagensis et Clonensis</p> <p>Limiricensis +</p> <p>Rosserensis</p> <p>Artificensis +</p> <p>Imilacensis</p> <p>Laonensis</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Conacia habet Archiepatum Tuamensem cui subsunt suffraganei</p>	{	<p>Anarchduanensis +</p> <p>Maionensis</p> <p>Achadensis</p> <p>Clonfortensis //</p> <p>Duacensis</p> <p>Finaborensis. +</p>
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<p>Ultonia habet Archiepatum Armacanum, cui iuncta est Primatis dignitas ; subsunt ei suffraganei</p>	{	<p>Medensis +</p> <p>Rapotensis</p> <p>Derensis</p> <p>Dunensis, et Conarensis. +</p> <p>Chilmorensis</p> <p>Artensis</p> <p>Brenensis</p> <p>Clunensis +</p> <p>Alii duo, vel tres, quorum nomina hic ignoramus</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Lagenia habet archiepiscopatum Dublinensem ; ei subsunt suffraganei</p>	{	<p>Childarensis +</p> <p>Lachliniensis +</p> <p>Chilchinensis, sive Ostriensis +</p> <p>Fernensis +</p> <p>Alii duo, quorum nomina non tenemus.</p>
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Qui cruce notantur, aut vacant, aut ab haereticis occupati sunt : possent autem commendari, ut oeconomis, aut vicariis, iis qui in adiuncto catalogo descripti sunt, tum ut temporalia bona non omnino dissipentur aut saltem eorum Membra, servetur tamen ut maiori studio et alacritate in spiritualia et animarum curam incumbant, praesupposita praesertim eorum sufficientia. Qui hac nota // signati sunt, sunt quidem episcopi catholici, et canonice instituti, sed postea facti sunt schismatici iurantes in verba Reginae Angliae.

(ff. 306-7.)

Archiepiscopatus Cassellensis iam occupatus a Melerio olim episcopo Dunensis, et Conarensis ecclesiarum unitarum, vacat per obitum D. Mauricii Gubbonii, qui in Hispania exivit. Defunctus est anno superiori.

Episcopatus Limiricensis per obitum D. Ugonis Laseii in sua ecclesia defuncti.

Artificensis per obitum D. Iacobi N.* in sua dioecesi defuncti ante paucos annos.

Archiepiscopatus Tuamensis † per obitum D. Christophori Bodichinii, si tamen fuit verus archiepiscopus, nam cum quatuor haberet, et litigaret pro Maionensi, cuius ecclesiae legitimus fuerit episcopus ignoramus. Archiepiscopus tamen Tuamensis passim habitus est.

Episcopatus Anachduanensis per obitum Dni. Guillelmi Morii.

Finaborensis per obitum episcopi, cuius nomen hic ignoramus.

Medensis per obitum D. Guillelmi Valsii, qui ante annos decessit Compluti, suffraganeus archiepiscopi Toletani.

Dunensis et Conarensis per depositionem ‡ praedicti Melerii apostatae, ac coniugati ab hac S^{ta} Sede factam anno praeterito.

Clunensis per obitum D. Petri Wallii Ordinis Praedicatorum.

Archiepiscopatus Dublinensis per obitum episcopi tempore Henrici Regis, cuius nomen propter longinquitatem temporis in oblivione est. Perstat tamen tota civitas in Religione Catholica, quamvis ab episcopo Haeretico occupata. Est autem haec ecclesia omnium Hybernicae opulentissima.

* Fitzmaurice.

† His successor was appointed in October, 1580.

‡ March 14, 1580. His successor was appointed in the Consistory of March 23.

Childarensis per mortem D. Guillelmi, vel certe Iacobi Lauricii.

Lachliniensis a plurimis annis ab haereticis occupatur, defuncto iam pridem vero episcopo.

Chilchiniensis, sive Ostriensis per obitum similiter episcopi iam pridem mortui.

Fernensis per obitum pariter episcopi iam dudum mortui. Haec ecclesia nunc occupatur a quodam, qui *cum animo* quidem catholicus sit, tamen quoniam a Regina institutus est, omnia administrat ut haereticus.

Ex praedictis dioecesibus duae sunt in quibus libere, et sine periculo possunt episcopi, vel vicarii residere. Una est Artificensis, quod sita sit in ea Desmoniae parte, quae Chieri nuncupatur, in qua Comes Desmoniae omnino liber est, et ius plane regium habet; Altera est Dunensis, et Conarensis, quae in ditione est Onellorum, qui continenter contra Reginam bellum habent, suntque catholicissimi principes.

In Conascia vero, et si non possint Anechduanensis et Finaborensis ecclesiarum bonis omnibus frui propter tyrannidem Anglorum, bona tamen eorum pars illis cedit, qui mittentur, propter filios duos Comitis Conasciae, qui cum tota nobilitate, quae admodum numerosa est, in ea parte Hyberniae continenter bellum gerunt adversus Reginam. Quo fit, ut et qui mittuntur libere concionari possunt.

Utilitas porro quae consequetur, si praedicti episcopatus, et alii, qui forte in Hybernia vacant, attribuentur iis, qui in catalogo adscripti sunt, saltem ut oeconomis, et vicariis, haec videntur futura. Primo, quod Sedes Apostolica tuebitur possessionem suae iurisdictionis. Secundo, populi illi legitimos habebunt pastores, quibus nunc carent. Tertio, aedificabuntur, et recreabuntur mirum in modum ex hac paterna cura, et providentia Summi Pontificis in illos, quia etiam animabuntur ad perseverantiam. Quarto, conservabitur doctrina, et disciplina ecclesiastica in populo privatis sermonibus, et sacramentorum administratione. Quinto, alacrius, et fidelius in opus Dei incumbunt operarii ipsi cognoscentes hic sua merita in memoria esse Pontificis Summi, et sibi ab eo dum nihil huiusmodi cogitarent honorem, et dignitatem eiusmodi deferri. Sexto, etiam rebus temporalibus aliqua ex parte prospicietur. Nam etsi magna ex parte ab haereticis occupatae sint, tamen ubi principes, sicuti iam dictum est, bellum gerunt cum Regina, ut in Conascia et Desmonia, ac Ultonia, facilius poterunt, et quae nondum ablata sunt possidere, et quae ablata recuperare. In aliis autem partibus non ita forte difficile erit bona, quae catholici ab haereticis, et schismaticis coemerunt, vel omnino, vel aliqua ex parte recuperari.

Denique conservabitur memoria eorum bonorum, et confinium ipsorum. Quod si quis quaerat *quomodo in tanta* haereticorum tyrannide *vivere* poterunt, respondemus primo praesidio nobilium catholicorum, apud quos eis degere licebit, deinde auxilio etiam populi, qui fere totus est catholicus. Super omnia vero Dei gratia ac providentia cuius cum negotium agatur sperandum est, eis numquam defuturum in tempore opportuno.

ACTA CONSISTORIALIA 1559-91.

(*Vatican Archives—Acta Camerarii, Vols. IX, X, XI.*)

[With the exception of one entry—that concerning the appointment to Clonmacnoise in 1585—the following transcripts contain little really new, copies of similar entries having been published by Brady and Cardinal Moran from the Consistorial diaries in the Barberini and Corsini collections. But it has been urged (e.g. by Groves, “*Titular Archbishops of Ireland*,” Dublin, 1897) that as Brady gives no reference to volume and page, and as the diaries from which he derived the entries are mere copies, devoid of official authority, the evidence based on them cannot be taken as conclusive. Though the objection is captious rather than solid, it is sufficiently plausible to claim attention; and from this point of view, at least, the transcripts here presented are not without importance. They are taken from three volumes containing the official minutes of Consistorial proceedings between 1559 and the end of the century, kept by a clerk whose office it was to draw them up under the authority and supervision of the Cardinal Camerlengo, as is abundantly evident from the authentication on pages 167-8 and 176, which admits of no cavil. It is worth noting that these entries show that during the first thirty-three years of the reign of Elizabeth the number of appointments made by the Holy See to Irish dioceses was forty-three, a yearly average well above that of the present generation.]

(*Vol. IX. fol. 1.*) Vetus sacri collegii mos fuit, ut ille Cardinalis qui camerarius fuisset, omnia quae officii sui anno, vel in secretis vel in publicis consistoriis, aut etiam in generalibus congregationibus fierent, sua manu describeret, quod quidem maiorem scriptis fidem, auctoritatem et dignitatem dedisse, nemo est, qui non videat. Postea vero incepere ea omnia a Cardinalium secretariis annotari. Postremo

autem anno, videlicet Domini MDXLII Revmus Card. Theatinus qui hodie Papa Paulus IV est, cum camerarii munus eo tempore suscepisset, eam consistoriorum acta scribendi curam clerico italicae nationis dandam esse decrevit, et a sacro collegio dari curavit, eo tamen ritu, ut ab eo cardinale qui camerarius esset scripta fuisse viderentur. Scripsit eo ordine aliquot annorum acta R.D. Jo. Franc. Binus Florentinus, non tamen omnium quibus collegii clericus fuit. Ego vero P. Paulus Gualterius Aretinus quem sacrum ipsum collegium pro praesenti anno Domini MDLIX in italicae nationis clericum assumpsit, et qui eam curam, utpote a vitae meae instituto alienam, non tam libens quam obediens suscepi, ordinem describendi acta consistorialia praesentis huius anni quanto potero diligentius sequi curabo sub R.D. Tib. Card. Crispo collegii camerario.

(Fol. 3.) Die veneris VII aprilis (1559) fuit celebratum consistorium in loco solito. . . . Referente Revmo D. Meo Pacecho fuit provisum ecclesiae Rossensi in Hibernia per obitum bon. mem. Mauricii Ophihil extra romanam curiam defuncti pastoris solatio destitutae de persona R.D. Mauricii Hora presbiteri Hiberni in romana curia praesentis, cum absolutione, etc.

(Fol. 10v.) Die mercurii VII Januarii (1560) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Jo. Hieronimo Card. Morono Sua Sanctitas providit ecclesiae Kalmorensi in regno Hiberniae vacanti per obitum Joannis Macprasdi de persona D. Odonis Ogenridam canonici ecclesiae Rapotensis, cum retentione dicti canonicatus et absolutione, etc.

Referente eodem Revmo Morono fuit provisum ecclesiae metropolitanae Armachanae in Hibernia vacanti per obitum bo. mem. Georgii Dudal de persona D. Donati Taig presbiteri Limiricensis dioecesis praesentis in curia cum absolutione, etc.

(Fol. 16.) Die mercurii XXVII martii (1560) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Petente Rmo D. Jo. Hieronimo Card. Morono episcopo Albanensi, S. Sanctitas concessit R. D. Donato archiepiscopo Armacano [simile] pallium cum simili commissione, etc.

(Fol. 21.) Die mercurii XXIX Maii (1560) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Morono S. Sanctitas providit ecclesiae Clcorensi in Hibernia provinciae Armachanae vacanti per obitum Mumothanna in romana curia defuncti de persona D. Cornelii Marcadel cum dispensatione super defectu natalium

quem patitur natus ex clerico et soluta, et cum retentione canonicatus et prebendae eiusdem ecclesiae et iurium quae habet ad alia beneficia cum cura et sine cura, et cum absolutione a censuris, etc.

(*Fol. 58v.*) Die mercurii XVII Decembris (1561) quatuor temporum fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Morono Sanctissimus Dominus Noster providit ecclesiae Roscensi in Hibernia per obitum b. m. Mauricii Yhac extra romanam curiam defuncti vacanti de persona Domini Thomae Chierllahy presbiteri de nobili genere ex utroque parente procreati, vita ac scientia idonei in curia praesentis, quem Pater David sacerdos Societatis Jesu in Hibernia existens suis litteris commendavit cum retentione beneficiorum compatibilium et iurium quae obtinet, absolvens eum, etc.

(*Fol. 61v.*) Die mercurii XXVIII Januarii (1562) celebratum est consistorium secretum in loco solito. . . . Referente eodem Revmo D. Cardinale Morono S. Sanctitas providit ecclesiae Elphinensi in Hibernia provinciae Tuamen. regionis Connatiæ, vacanti per resignationem R.D. Bernardi Honoyghun ordinis Sancti Augustini profess. de persona D. Andreae Vercan Hiberni ordinis Predicatorum profess., quem R. D. David presbiter Societatis Jesu in Hibernia commorans per suas litteras commendavit absolvens, etc.

Referente eodem Revmo D. Cardinal Morono S. Sanctitas providit ecclesiae Acadensi in Hibernia provinciae Tuamen. regionis Conatiæ per obitum b. m. Cormani Ocoyn nuper episcopi Acaden. extra romanam curiam defuncti de persona D. Eugenii Oharth Hiberni ordinis Predicat. profess., nobilis, catholici et concionatoris egregii praesentis in curia, et commendati a supradicto R. P. David, absolvens, etc.

Referente eodem Revmo D. Card. Morono S. Sanctitas providit ecclesiae Rapotensi in Hibernia provinciae Armachanae, regionis Ultoniae, per obitum b. m. Arturi Ugalli extra romanam curiam defuncti vacanti de persona D. Donaldi Magongoill Hiberni praesentis in curia commendati itidem litteris R. P. David cum retentione rectoriae Kyllattay dioecesis Rapotensis, absolvens, etc.

(*Fol. 93.*) Die mercurii XXII Martii (1564) fuit consistorium "secretum in palatio apostolico et in aula Constantini. . . . Referente eodem Revmo D. Cardinale Morono S. Sanctitas providit ecclesiae metropolitanae Armachanae in Hibernia vacanti per obitum ultimi illius possessoris de persona Guglielmi Ricardi, absolvens, etc.

(*Fol. 96.*) Die veneris XII Maii (1564) fuit consist. . . . Referente Rmo. D. Card. Morono et petente Archiepo. Armacano praesente, S. S^{tas}. mandavit tradi ac consignari eidem archiepiscopo cum solitis ceremoniis et etiam gratis pallium de corpore beati Petri apolorum Principis sumptum.

(*Fol. 128.*) Die veneris XII Octobris (1565) fuit consistorium secretum in palatio apostolico. . . . Referente Revmo D. Ludovico Cardinale Simoneta S. Sanctitas providit ecclesiis invicem unitis Dunen. et Coneren. in Hibernia et provincia Armacan. a tribus annis citra per obitum b.m. Eugenii Maganissae olim episcopi Dunen. et Coneren. extra romanam curiam defuncti vacantibus de persona fratris Milerii Magra ordinis Min. conv. profess. presbiteri, aetate, moribus, literis et natalibus idonei, et a superioribus suis approbati ex dicta civitate Dunii oriundi, absolvens, etc.

(*Fol. 161.*) Die veneris XXIII Januarii (1567) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente eodem Revmo D. Card. Morono S. Sanctitas providit ecclesiae Imolacensi in regno Hiberniae et provincia Cassellensi sub invocatione S. Helbei vacanti a quatuor annis citra per obitum bon. mem. Redmundi a Burgo Hiberni extra romanam curiam defuncti, de persona D. D. Mauritii Mambrien. presbiteri hiberni, dictae ecclesiae archidiaconi, nobilis, et honeste eruditi in jure canonico et sacris literis, commendatus literis domini Davidis Wolf de Societate Jesu et testimonio aliquot episcoporum Hiberniae et debet facere professionem fidei in partibus, Absolvens, etc.

(*Fol. 167.*) Die Mercurii IIII Junii (1567) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Joanne Card. Morono S. Sanctitas providit ecclesiae metropolitanae Casselensi in Hibernia a XVI annis et ultra vacanti de persona D. Mauriti Margibon abbatis Cisterciensis ordinis, idonei etc. licet non habeat gradum in aliqua facultate, praesentis in Urbe cum dispensatione super defectu natalium quem patitur genitus ex presbitero et soluta, et cum retentione monasterii quod obtinet ad annum et in commendam. Absolvens, etc.

(*Fol. 171.*) Die veneris XIX Septembris (1567) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Archiepiscopus Cassellen. in Hibernia per suum procuratorem et unum ex advocatis consistorialibus petiit a Sanctissimo Domino Nostro instanter, instantius, instantissime tradi sibi pallium sumptum ex corpore Beati Petri Apostolorum principis ad

plenitudinem potestatis, et S. Sanctitas mandavit Illmo D. Card. Simoncello tamquam archidiacono ut illud cum solitis ceremoniis ei traderet et assignaret.

(*Vol. X. fol. 8.*) Die veneris XXVII Februarii (1568) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Francisco Cardinale Alciato, pro Revmo D. Cardinale Morono absente, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Corcagensi et Clonensi unit. in regno Hiberniae, in provincia Casellen., per obitum Jo. Jedican, ultimi episcopi catholici vacanti, de persona R. D. Nicolai Landes Hiberni, et litteris episcoporum catholicorum eiusdem provinciae atque etiam testimonio R. P. David Wulff de Societate Jesu, commendati. Absolvens, etc. Cum retentione rectoriae cum cura donec possessionem episcopatus adeptus fuerit, et cum decreto quod ante huiusmodi adeptionem possessionis fidei professionem emittat., etc.

(*Fol. 46.*) Feria quarta XXII Junii (1569) Romae in palatio apostolico. . . . fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Joanne Morono Episcopo Cardinale Portuensi Sanctitas S. absolvit R. P. D. Remundum episcopum Aladensem nobilem Hybernum a vinculo quo dictae suae ecclesiae tenebatur, et transtulit eum ad ecclesiam Derensem, quae est in regno Hyberniae in provincia Armacana, per obitum b. m. Eugenii ultimi episcopi extra romanam curiam defuncti vacanti, ipsumque natalibus, aetate, moribus, et litteris idoneum, ac fidem catholicam professum, dictae ecclesiae Derensi in episcopum praefecit et pastorem, cum retentione prioratus de Eachus ordinis sancti Augustini cum annexis Aladen. dioecesis valoris XXIII marcarum absolvens, etc.

(*Fol. 74v.*) Feria 2 die quarta Septembris (1570) Romae in palatio apostolico in loco solito. . . . fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Morono sacri collegii decano, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Aladensi in regno Hyberniae per translationem Redmundi ultimi episcopi ad ecclesiam Deren. vacanti, de persona R. P. F. Donati Ogalhur ordinis Minorum de Observantia viri probati, et fidem catholicam iuxta articulos etc. rite professi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit et pastorem absolvens, etc. et facta est gratia expeditionis pro more Hybernorum. . . .

(*Fol. 83v.*) Feria quarta X Januarii (1571) Romae in palatio apostolico. . . . fuit primum consistorium secretum anni praesentis 1571 et haec acta sunt. . . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Morono

Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Laonensi in regno Hiberniae, vacanti per obitum b. m. Terentii ultimi possessoris, de persona Rev. Domini Malachiae Omolona nobilis Hiberni, sacro presbyteratus ordine, aetate ac doctrina commendati, ac fidem catholicam in curia professi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit et pastorem. Absolvens, etc. Et facta est gratia., etc.

(*Fol. 144v.*) FERIA sexta die XII Februarii (1574) . . . fuit consistorium secretum. . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Alciato Hiberniae protectore, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Magionensi in dicto regno per obitum Eugenii ultimi legitimi possessoris vacanti, de persona Fr. Dermotii Hiberni ordinis Minorum de Observantia qui habet testimonium sui superioris, et fidei professionem fecit, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum et pastorem praefecit. Absolvens, etc. Et cum decreto quod episcopi illius provinciae non possint exercere pontificalia extra suas dioeceses, etiam de episcoporum consensu, et facta est gratia a sacro collegio eidem electo.

(*Fol. 163v.*) FERIA sexta die V Novembris (1574) . . . fuit consistorium secretum de more. . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Alciato Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiis Corcagensi et Cluniacensi in insula Hiberniae perpetuo unitis per obitum Nicolai Lailles pridem vacanti, de persona R. Edmundi Tanneri presbyteri Hiberni in sacra pagina doctoris, fidem professi, ipsumque dictis ecclesiis in episcopum praefecit et pastorem, curam . . . committendo. Et cum absolutione et gratis more Hibernorum.

(*Fol. 193.*) FERIA 2 die XXIII Januarii (1576) Romae in palatio apostolico apud S. Petrum fuit consistorium secretum. . . Referente Revmo D. Card. Alciato, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Ardacadensi in regno Hiberniae in provincia Armacana per obitum quondam Patritii vacanti, de persona religiosi viri Fr. Ricardi Macbrada Ordinis Min. de Observantia idonei et habentis requisita etc. ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum et pastorem praefecit, cum decreto de emit-tenda fidei professione antequam adipiscatur possessio dictae ecclesiae. Absolvens, etc.

Eodem referente, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Dromorensi in eodem regno et provincia existenti et per obitum Arturi ultimi episcopi vacanti, de persona R. D. Patritii Macival presbyteri saecularis, viri idonei etc. ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit. Cum simili decreto profitendae fidei etc. Absolvens etc. et gratis pro utroque, more Hibernorum.

(*Fol. 202v.*) Feria 4 die IIII Julii (1576) . . . fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Alciato Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Maionensi in regno Hiberniae per obitum Diermitii Ocliera ultimi episcopi vacanti, de persona R. Fr. Patritii Oheli ordinis Minorum de Observantia sui superioris testimonio probati, fidemque rite professi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit. Absolvens, etc. Et cum gratia expeditionis more Hibernorum.

(*Fol. 204v.*) Feria 4 die XXII Augusti (1576) . . . fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Alciato, Sanctitas S. absolvit R. P. Malachiam Omollouna episcopum Laonen. in Hibernia a vinculo dictae ecclesiae et transtulit eum ad ecclesiam Duacensem in eodem regno vacantem per obitum Cornelii ultimi episcopi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit etc. cum decreto quod fidem catholicam iterum profiteatur ante possessionis adeptionem. Absolvens. et cum gratia expeditionis.

Eodem referente, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Laonen. per suprascriptam translationem vacanti, de persona religiosi viri fratris Cornelii Riani ordinis Minorum de Observantia qui habet omnia requisita fidemque in manibus eiusdem Revmi relatoris rite professus ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit et pastorem. Absolvens, et cum simili gratia.

(*Fol. 286v.*) Feria 2 die XIV Martii (1580) Romae apud S. Petrum . . . in consistorio secreto. Instante procuratore fiscali S. Officii Inquisitionis, ut privaretur episcopus Dunensis in Hibernia tamquam haereticus notorius, et iam a S. Officio solemniter damnatus, ac Rev. D. Card. Sabello de tota causa referente, SSmus D. N. declaravit et pronuntiavit eundem episcopum Dunen. esse haereticum et privatum eadem sua ecclesia, brachiumque saeculare invocandum esse ad eum puniendum.

(*Fol. 286v.*) Feria 2 die XIII Martii (1580) Romae apud Sanctum Petrum in consistorio secreto. Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Alciato, Sanctitas S. absolvit R. P. Ricardum Macbradi episcopum Ardachaden. a vinculo eiusdem ecclesiae et transtulit eum ad ecclesiam Chelmorensem in Hibernia et provincia Armacana, vacantem per obitum Odonis seu Ugonis ultimi episcopi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit, et pastorem, cum decreto de facienda fidei professione, antequam possessionem capiat. Absolvens. Et cum gratia. . . .

(*Fol. 287v.*) Feria 6 die 24 Martii (1580) Romae apud S. Petrum in loco solito fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Card. Alciato, Sanctitas S. absolvit R. P. Donatum Ogalhur episcopum Aladensem a vinculo eiusdem ecclesiae et transtulit eum ad ecclesias Dunensem et Connerensem perpetuo unitas, per privationem Mileri Magre ultimi episcopi vacantes, ipsumque natalibus, doctrina et vita idoneum, fidemque professum dictis ecclesiis in episcopum praefecit et pastorem. Absolvens, etc. Et cum gratia, etc.

(*Fol. 292v.*) Feria 2 die XI Julii (1580) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Ssmus D. N., referente Revmo D. Cardinale Ursino, providit ecclesiae Aladensi in insula Hiberniae, per translationem Donati episcopi ad ecclesiam Dunensem et Connerensem vacanti, de persona religiosi viri fratris Johannis Oahasay Hiberni, ordinis sancti Francisci regularis observantiae, aetate, doctrina, natalibus, et ceteris requisitis abunde praediti, fidemque rite professi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit, et pastorem. Absolvens. . . . Et cum gratia. . . . etc.

(*Fol. 294v.*) Feria 4 die XII Octobris (1580) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Ssmus D. N., ad relationem Revmi D. Cardinalis Ursini Hiberniae protectoris, providit ecclesiis Corcagensi et Clunnensi invicem unitis, per obitum Edmundi Taneri illarum ultimi possessoris vacantibus, de persona R. D. Dermitii presbiteri Hybernici Lismorensis dioecesis habentis omnia requisita fidemque professi iuxta formam . . . ipsumque dictis ecclesiis in episcopum praefecit et pastorem. Absolvens etc. et cum gratia, etc.

(*Fol. 295.*) Feria 2 die XVII Octobris (1580) . . . fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Ssmus D. N., ad relationem Revmi D. Cardinalis Ursini, providit unitis ecclesiis in Hybernia Tuamensi et Anachduanensi vacantibus, per obitum Christophori ultimi episcopi, de persona R. D. Nicolai Secred presbiteri Hybernici aetatis 34 annorum, quique fidei professionem fecit . . . ipsumque dictis ecclesiis in episcopum praefecit et pastorem. Cum opportuna dispensatione super defectu natalium quem patitur, et super eo quod non sit promotus ad sacros ordines ante sex menses. Absolvens . . . et gratis, etc.

(*Fol. 298v.*) Feria 2 die XII Decembris (1580) Romae apud S. Petrum in loco consueto. . . . Postremo Sanctitas S. concessit,

tradique mandavit ut supra [simile] pallium de corpore principis apostolorum pro archiepiscopo Tuamensi in Hibernia.*

[*Fol. 152v.*] Romae in Monte Quirinali die lunae XI Septembris 1581. . . . Referente Revmo Senonen, providit ecclesiae Cassellensi in Hybernia vacanti per obitum Mauritii, de persona Dermetii Hurilei, ipsumque illi in archiepiscopum praefecit et pastorem, curam etc. committendo, cum clausulis opportunis et consuetis. Absolvens, etc. Et fuit facta gratia.

Eodem referente, providit ecclesiae Ardacadensi in Hybernia vacanti per translationem ad ecclesiam Kilmorensem de persona Edmundi Marsamraghan ipsumque illi in episcopum praefecit et pastorem, curam et administrationem etc. Cum clausulis opportunis et consuetis. Absolvens, etc.]

[*Fol. 314.*] Feria 2 die 27 Novembris (1581) Romae apud S. Petrum in loco consueto. . . . Concessum est a Sanctitate S. mandatum ut tradatur cum solitis ceremoniis pallium de corpore principis apostolorum pro electo archiepiscopo Casselensi in Hibernia.

[*Fol. 322.*] Feria 6 die XXVIII Martii (1582) Romae apud S. Petrum fuit consistorium secretum de more, in quo SSmus D. N. referente Revmo D. Senonen. providit ecclesiae Ossoriensi in Hibernia per obitum bon. mem. Joannis Otoneri ultimi episcopi iampridem vacanti, et in qua ad praesens intrusus quidem schismaticus a praetensa regina Angliae immissus reperitur, de persona R. D. Thomae Strong presbiteri Hiberni, theologi, fidemque professi etc. quique principibus et populo catholico in eadem civitate et dioecesi gratus erit, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit, Absolvens, etc.

[*Fol. 322v.*] Feria 6 die XXVII Aprilis (1582) Romae in Monte Quirinali . . . fuit consistorium secretum. . . . SSmus D. N., referente Revmo D. Card. Senonen. Hiberniae protectore, providit ecclesiis Dunensi et Conerensi perpetuo unitis in eadem insula per obitum b. m. Donati ultimi episcopi vacantibus, de persona religiosi

* Homer sometimes nods; and the Rev. Silvius Antonianus apparently had a couple of winks about this time, for he here omitted the two next entries, which came in at the end of his day's work, but which are supplied from a contemporary volume containing the Consistorial Acts of the Pontificate of Gregory XIII. But he makes up to some extent for the omission by duly recording the granting of the Pallium to Archbishop O'Hurley.

viri Fr. Cornelii Oduibenid ordinis S. Francisci de Observantia, aetate, doctrina, sacro presbiteratus ordine idonei, fidemque professi, cum quo Sanctitas S. super defectu natalium quem patitur dispensavit, eumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum et pastorem praefecit. Absolvens etc. Et cum gratia more Hyberno.

Eodem referente, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Fernensi in eadem insula per obitum b. m. Alexandri ultimi episcopi catholici vacanti, de persona R. D. Petri Povver presbiteri Hyberni, doctrina, vitae integritate, familiae nobilitate, et idonei, fidemque rite professi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit. Absolvens, etc. Et cum gratia de more, etc.

(*Fol. 326.*) Feria 2 die XX Augusti (1582) . . . fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Senonen, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Rossensi in Hibernia per obitum Thomae ultimi episcopi vacanti, de persona R. P. Fr. Bonaventurae ordinis sancti Francisci de observantia presbiteri Hyberni, in curia praesentis, fidemque rite professi etc. ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit. Absolvens etc. et gratis.

Eodem referente, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Limiricensi in eadem insula per obitum Ugonis ultimi episcopi vacanti, de persona R. D. Cornelii Obuyl presbiteri Armacanae dioecesis praesentis in curia, viri idonei etc. ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit.

(*Vol. XI. fol. ante 1.*) In Dei nomine. Amen. Ego Silvius Antonianus presb. Rom. divina gratia adiutrice scribam in hoc libro propositiones, provisiones et acta sacri consistorii, quae ex mei muneris officio manu propria scribere debeo, ex relatione Revmorum DD. sacri collegii cameriarum qui pro tempore fuerint. Et quia alterum librum iam conscripsi a principio anni 1568 quando clericus et secretarius sacri collegii factus sum, usque ad finem anni 1583 qui continet annos XVI ideo hic liber secundus appellabitur hunc in modum "Liber secundus provisionum consistorialium sacri Revmorum DD. S. R. E. Cardinalium collegii tempore clericatus Silvii Antoniani, inchoatus anno MDLXXXIII, pontificatus Smi D. N. Gregorii Papae XIII. Anno XII."

(*Ibid. fol. 26.*) Feria 2 die XXIX Julii (1585) Romae in monte quirinali in hortis Esten. . . . fuit consistorium secretum.

(*Fol. 26v.*) Referente Revmo Senonensi, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Maionensi in insula Hiberniae vacanti per obitum pia-

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(*Fol.* 26v.) Eodem referente providit ecclesiae Cluanensi in eadem insula, per obitum Petri ultimi episcopi vacanti de persona Rev. Alani Sulivani presbiteri aetate et doctrina idonei, licet non sit graduatus, cum quo Sanctitas Sua super defectu natalium quem patitur ex soluto et soluta, ipsumque fidem catholicam rite professum dictae ecclesiae in episcopum et pastorem praefecit. Absolvens etc. Cum gratia etc.

(*Fol.* 40v.) Feria 2 die 24 Martii (1586) Romae apud S. Petrum fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo D. Cardinale Senonensi Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae metropolitanae Tuamensi in regno Hyberniae existenti, per obitum Nicolai ultimi possessoris vacanti, de persona R. Mileri Hohigin presbiteri Hyberni, habentis omnia requisita, fidemque in manibus eiusdem relatoris rite professi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in archiepiscopum et pastorem praefecit cum gratia consueta. Absolvens, etc.

(*Fol.* 64.) Feria 2 die VIII. Junii (1587) Romae in palatio apud Montem Caballum fuit consistorium secretum de more, in quo Ssmus D. N. ad relationem Revmi D. Card. Senonen. providit ecclesiae Clunfertensi in Hybernia per obitum Rolandi vacanti, de persona R. fr. Thaddaei Feralla Ord. Praedic. presbiteri et concionatoris, et a suo superiore commendati, fidemque rite professi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit et pastorem. Absolvens, etc. et gratis more Hybernorum.

Huius provisionis occasione Ssmus D. N. dixit, sibi a catholico rege significatum, vagari per Hispanias cum ordinis dedecore multos Hybernos episcopos, verendumque esse ne aliqui promoti non ad suas ecclesias sed alio se conferant, proinde diligenter considerandum, qui promoveatur, curandumque ut ad suas ecclesias recte proficiscantur.

(*Fol.* 65v.) Feria 4 calend. Julii (1587) Romae in Quirinali fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo Senonen. Sanctitas S. absolvit R. D. Edmundum episcopum Ardacaden. a vinculo eiusdem ecclesiae et transtulit eum ad ecclesiam metrop. Armacan. per obitum Riccardi ultimi archiep. vacantem, ipsumque fidem professum

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(*Fol. 70.*) Feria 6 die XI Sept. (1587) Romae in palatio apostolico in monte Quirinali fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo Senonen. Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Legliniensi in Hibernia de persona religiosi viri Fr. Francisci de Toledo ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit. Absolvens. Cum gratia etc.

(*Fol. 161v.*) Feria 4 die 20 mensis Martii (1591) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo Senonensi Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae metropolitanae Tuamensi in regno Hyberniae per obitum Mileri ultimi archiepiscopi vacanti de persona R. P. D. Jacobi Heli Hiberni, presbyteri et sacrae theologiae doctoris, et fidem in manibus ipsius relatoris professi ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in archiepiscopum praefecit, cum remissione jurium . . . et cum absolutione, etc.

(*Fol. 165.*) Feria 6 die 26 Aprilis (1591) Romae apud S. Petrum fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Petita sunt pallia de corpore principis Apostolorum etc. pro electis Cusentin. et Tuamen. illaque Sanctitas S. concessit, et cum ceremoniis solitis tradi mandavit.

(*Fol. 170v.*) Feria 4 die IX Augusti (1591) fuit consistorium secretum. . . . Referente Revmo Senonensi, Sanctitas S. providit ecclesiae Ardtfertensi in Hybernia per obitum Jacobi episcopi vacanti, de persona R. D. Michaelis Gualteri presbyteri Hybernici, sacrae theologiae doctoris et fidem rite professi, ipsumque dictae ecclesiae in episcopum praefecit.

Item Sanctitas S. praefecit in episcopum ecclesiae Rapotensis R. Nigellanus presbyterum Hybernum, quae ecclesia vacat per obitum Donaldi episcopi, et ambos absolvit a censuris, et jura debita condonavit, etc.

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RULES

- (1) The Journal of the Society shall be published once a year, if possible in the month of February.
- (2) The annual membership subscription, payable in January, is Ten Shillings. The fee for Life Members is £10.
- (3) The members are entitled to the Journal of the Society, but have no claim to receive free of cost other publications that may be undertaken by the Society. These publications may be sold, however, to members at a reduced rate.
- (4) An annual general meeting of the members of the Society shall be held yearly in Dublin, due notice of which shall be given to all members.
- (5) Any member who fails to pay his subscription for three consecutive years forfeits thereby all rights of membership. The *Archivium Hibernicum* shall not be forwarded to any person who is more than one year in arrears with his subscription.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE General Meeting of The Catholic Record Society was held in the Gresham Hotel at 3.30 on Monday, December 11, 1916. Very Rev. Reginald Walsh presided. There were present: Professor O'Sullivan, M. J. McEnery, Deputy Keeper of the Records; Very Rev. W. Canon Carrigan, D.D.; Miss Comerford, Public Library, Dundalk; Very Rev. Canon MacMahon, V.G., Nenagh; Very Rev. J. J. Ryan, Thurles; Rev. M. Curran, Rev. M. H. MacInerney, O.P., George O'Reilly, Drogheda; Thomas J. Shaw, Mullingar; Rev. Michael MacSweeney, C.C., Rush; Rev. P. M. MacSweeney, Treasurer; Rev. Dr. MacCaffrey, Secretary.

The following Report was read by the Secretary:—

“I regret to announce the death of one of the members of the Committee, Fr. O'Reilly, the Librarian of Merchants' Quay Library, who was always anxious to help the Society. Also the very serious illness of Dr. Hagan, Vice Rector, Irish College, Rome, who is doing such splendid work in securing transcripts of all Irish documents in the Vatican and in the other great Roman collections. At one time very little hopes were entertained of his recovery, but I am pleased to be able to say that he is now almost completely restored. I have heard from him more than once during the past six weeks, and we may hope for very valuable contributions from his pen during the year 1917.

“I have also to report that Fr. Paul Walsh's edition of ‘The Flight of the Earls’ was published in March, and since that time many flattering reviews of the work have appeared.

“In accordance with the resolution of the Council at the February meeting I communicated with Dr. Hagan with a view to obtain the required permission for the publication of the documents concerning the Ven. Oliver Plunkett and his contemporaries. Such permission could not be obtained. The project, therefore, stands adjourned.

“Owing to the increased cost of printing, the Council thought it well to postpone the publication of Charles McNeill's edition of ‘Alen's Register,’ and also to reduce for the time being the size of the *Archivium Hibernicum*. There is no necessity for spending

the money of the Society in printing at present. When normal conditions are restored, the Society can make up for lost time by publishing, if it thinks fit, two volumes per year. At the same time, in my opinion, it would be fatal to do what some have suggested, namely, to suspend publication of the *Archivium Hibernicum* until the pressure in the printing trade is relieved.

"There is no necessity to do so, the funds of the Society, as can be seen from the Report of the Treasurer, are in a healthy condition. Though some of our most devoted supporters have died during the year, and though we have lost heavily owing to the fact that we cannot get into touch at present with many of the younger clergy, who have gone to the front as Army Chaplains, and also to the suspension of the subscriptions of several of the foreign public libraries, the revenue from subscriptions has been fairly well maintained.

"For many reasons it was found impossible to have the volume of the *Archivium*, now in the press and almost completed, ready as usual in December. It will be published not later than February. This delay is very convenient, and for the future, publication should take place towards the end of January, or early in February. Many arguments might be adduced in favour of this course, but it will suffice to point out that most of our subscribers are priests, many of whom change their addresses during the year. It is only when the new directories are published, that it is possible to secure the correct addresses, and these directories are not in the hands of the Editor before the first weeks of January.

"I wish to thank the members of the Committee, the Contributors, and the many others who have given their assistance in bringing out the fifth volume of the *Archivium*."

Professor O'Sullivan proposed the adoption of the Report. He thought the members of the Society had good reason to congratulate themselves on the progress that had been made. In his opinion it would be very inadvisable to suspend the publication of the *Archivium*.

Mr. McEnery seconded. In doing so he took occasion to express his approval of the plan for adjourning the publication for the future till the early weeks of February.

Fr. MacSweeney read the Report of the Treasurer. It showed that the Society was in a very sound financial condition.

The Report of the Treasurer was passed on the motion of Canon Carrigan, seconded by Fr. Reginald Walsh.

The Chairman then invited the members to give an expression of their views and criticism.

Mr. O'Reilly, Drogheda, took exception to the use of English type in the printing of Irish contributions. After a lengthy discussion, in which Mr. Shaw, Fr. Curran, Fr. MacSweeney and Fr. MacInerney took part, it was decided to refer the matter to the decision of the Committee.

Miss Comerford was of the opinion that it might be better if a more durable binding were used for the *Archivium*. It was pointed out by others that this would involve very serious additional expense, and that possibly some of the public libraries might prefer to receive the volumes in their present condition. It was decided to make arrangements with the publishers for a uniform style of binding, so that subscribers could have their volumes bound if they desired.

Fr. Ryan, Thurles, thought that though it was well to send out the volumes with the leaves cut and trimmed, it might be better, particularly for those who wished to have their volumes bound, if the lower and side margins were left untrimmed, so as to have room for marginal notes. It was decided to consult the publishers.

Mr. O'Reilly, Drogheda, suggested the publication of the names of the subscribers to the Record Society. Many of those present agreed with the suggestion. The Secretary promised to include a list of the subscribers in Vol. VI.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1916.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To balance from previous year . . .	458	3	1	By payment for shares in Catholic Insurance Co. (including transfer fee). . . .	50	7	6.
To subscriptions and sale of <i>Annals</i> . .	211	13	0	By payment to Editor of <i>Flight of the Earls</i> .	20	0	0
To sale of <i>Archivium</i> (less by 10% com.) .	11	16	4	By Printing and Stationery	2	2	0
To Bank Interest . .	10	6	3	By copying MSS. and postage	6	0	0
				By printing of <i>Archivium</i>	160	5	0
				By postage of <i>Archivium</i>	12	17	0
				By balance	440	7	2
	£691	18	8		£691	18	8

P. M. MACSWEENEY, *Hon. Treas.*

The above account has been examined and compared with the vouchers for disbursements and the bank passbook: it has been found to be correct.

The balance agrees with that in the bank passbook. The assets now consist of Books unsold, etc., £50 stock in the Irish Catholic Church Property Insurance Co., Ltd.; £440 7s. 2d. cash at Bankers.

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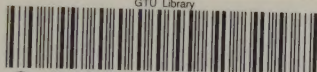
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